

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to state, federal, and local laws or regulations governing the use of autonomous vehicles.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Park – Blumenfield):

1. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Police Department, and other entities as needed, to report within 60 days on:
  - a. Existing state, federal, and local laws or regulations that govern the use of autonomous vehicles.
  - b. Options for the City to gain access to testing data gathered by entities utilizing autonomous vehicles on the public right-of-way, especially related to any safety implications of their operations on City streets.
  - c. Recommendations in seeking and/or sponsoring legislation that would authorize the City to regulate autonomous vehicles on local streets.
2. REQUEST the Los Angeles World Airports to report on its rules, regulations, and policies for determining access to the Central Terminal Area and how they apply to autonomous vehicles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 1, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (Park – Blumenfield) relative to state, federal, and local laws or regulations governing the use of autonomous vehicles. According to the Motion, the emergence of automotive technology, particularly automated driving systems, is disrupting the urban transportation landscape. The advancement of autonomous vehicles (self-driving or driverless cars) will likely bring significant changes for the future of the transit industry.

Earlier this month, Waymo, a driverless car company, launched its 24/7 robotaxi service to the public in Santa Monica. In November, the company plans to roll out service in Century City, West Hollywood, Mid-City, Koreatown, and downtown Los Angeles. Waymo already offers fully driverless rides to the public in San Francisco and Phoenix. Historically, regulatory efforts have struggled to keep pace with technological innovations in this field, leaving cities to respond to new uses of the public right-of-way, as well as public safety and local authority issues. In San Francisco, these challenges include autonomous vehicles disrupting emergency response times by the City's police and fire

departments, in addition to obstructing public works projects. As the technology for autonomous vehicles continues to develop, the City will need to address the potential impacts of these vehicles on the road. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
RAMAN:	ABSENT
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES

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