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Since March 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic, riding the City of Los Angeles DASH system has been free for all riders. Prior to 2020, the City had already instituted policies in 2019 to allow students to ride the DASH system for free as part of our overarching goal to get more residents and visitors to utilize public transportation.

Over the course of the last several months, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has gone through the process to reintroduce DASH fares in 2025. The DASH system is not financial sustainable under its current operations, and the City is currently conducting a Transit Survey Analysis (18-0244-S4) and review of Proposition A funds to modify DASH to ensure costs and expenses match up with revenues.

As part of the ongoing analysis, it is fiscally prudent to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of DASH fare collection to help inform the currently proposed reintroduction of DASH fares in January 2025 and the forthcoming Transit Survey Analysis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT LADOT to report back with a comprehensive analysis of all costs associated with DASH fare collection which could be eliminated under a fare-free operation. This analysis should include, but not be limited to, expenses related to (1) TAP card system hardware, software, maintenance, and support; (2) fare enforcement programs and contracts; and (3) administrative work associated with fare collection, promotion, and processing.

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