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Support Council File 21-1224 - Bus Lane Enforcement

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To the Los Angeles City Transportation Committee:

I write on behalf of Move LA in support of Council File #21-1224 on the September 18th Transportation Committee Special Agenda.

Bus Lane enforcement is vital to the success of the Metro/LADOT partnership to roll out more than 50 miles of bus lanes with plans to install 100 miles in the next two years. For the bus network to function as intended, it is imperative that we enforce bus lanes and ensure that Metro and LADOT buses can run frequently and reliably. The majority of Metro routes run through the City of LA and, unfortunately, these buses continue to be obstructed by illegal parking in bus lanes and at bus stops. Every day, riders—like myself and the hundreds of thousands that we represent—are late for work or an appointment.

AC Transit, which operates in Berkeley and Oakland, [started its automated bus lane enforcement in June](#), and successful programs have launched in Philadelphia, Boston, and New York City.

We must not wait. The City Council should direct Metro to turn on the enforcement cameras as soon as it is approved and allow LADOT to immediately start issuing warnings—the first step in the process. This way, when the ordinance is finalized and signed by the Mayor, LADOT can be prepared and authorized under State law to start issuing citations.

Lastly, we request that the funds generated by this program, which will significantly benefit the City, be dedicated to expanding bus-only lanes, bus shelters, bus bulb-outs, queue jumpers, and other amenities that improve bus speed and reliability. This investment is vital to the success of the program and will lead to continued improvements in our roadway system, benefiting all users.

Thank you,

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