

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the creation of a Citywide equity framework that sets standards for transit-related project prioritization and resource allocation.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Hernandez – Hutt – Soto-Martinez – Harris-Dawson):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the Civil and Human Rights Department, to report with recommendations for a Citywide equity framework that sets standards for transit-related project prioritization and resource allocation utilizing metrics and data that show where the highest need and priority exists with a focus on engaging communities and increasing safety for pedestrians, and bicyclists.

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 October 4, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (Hernandez – Hutt – Soto-Martinez – Harris-Dawson) relative to the creation of a Citywide equity framework that sets standards for transit-related project prioritization and resource allocation. According to the Motion, on June 3, 2023 the Transportation Committee held a special meeting at the Michele and Barack Obama Sports Complex focused on mobility equity, cyclists, and pedestrians. As part of the committee meeting a local advocacy coalition, Our Streets Action Committee (OSAC), presented several strategies to push the City towards a more equitable transportation infrastructure framework, including a reevaluation of how the City plans, budgets, and implements its transit-related capital improvement projects.

As part of the presentation entitled “A Pathway to Mobility Justice in Los Angeles”, one of three recommendations given to the committee included creating a Citywide equity framework. The OSAC states the need to “Create a City-wide Equity Framework to guide the prioritization of all projects and to assure agencies uniformly serve and genuinely engage the communities in most need.” The Basis for an equity framework is rooted in the reality that “With limited resources as a City, we need to have a clear prioritization of projects. Yet there are too many different definitions of equity and as a result no clear direction from the City on what projects, communities, and modes should be prioritized.”

Equity expertise has been developing in the City of Los Angeles in the last few years, and it's imperative that the Department of Transportation collaborate with other city departments as they approach this important work. After consideration and having

provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. 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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