

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to street racing and intersection takeovers.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), to initiate a pilot program work plan within Fiscal Year 2023-24 Departmental budgeted funds, for both agencies to address Citywide street racing and takeovers at the Top Five intersections in each LAPD Bureau, as detailed in the June 6, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners report, attached to the Council File.
2. INSTRUCT the LADOT and LAPD to report to Council in six months and provide an analysis and evaluation of the pilot program to measure its effectiveness and any issues experienced in addressing street racing and takeovers within the scope of the pilot program to include a determination of whether to continue the program through a multi-year work plan.
3. NOTE and FILE the June 14, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners report.
4. DIRECT the LAPD to report on the 50 locations throughout the City that have continuous issues with street takeovers and racing.
5. INSTRUCT the LADOT to report on needed funding to install solutions in an additional 50 locations to include the possible use of cameras.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the January 19, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will have no additional impact on the General Fund. A proposed street racing and takeover pilot program work plan initiated by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles Police Department would be implemented within budgeted funds for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Subsequent year costs for the engineering and enforcement components associated with this initiative will be subject to funding made available through the annual budget process.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that the recommendations contained in the January 19, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, comply with the City's Financial Policies in that the proposed work plan expenditures will be limited and subject to the availability of approved budgeted funds.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council
North Hills West Neighborhood Council

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On January 23, 2024, your Committee considered January 19, 2024 CAO and June 14, 2023 Board of Police Commissioners reports relative to the 2023 DNA CEBR Program grant. According to the CAO, on October 25, 2022, Council adopted the recommendations in a Public Safety Committee report that instructed the CAO, LAPD, and LADOT, to report back on a multi-year work plan and funding strategy to implement enforcement and street design treatments for both intersection takeovers and street racing in priority locations citywide.

Subsequent to this Council instruction, the Board of Police Commissioners approved and transmitted a Department report that provided background; a summary of findings; an analysis of citywide street racing/takeover locations; a comparative analysis of engineering and enforcement measures utilized by other jurisdictions; recommendations of proven engineering measures that can be implemented to deter illegal street racing activities; and a multi-year work plan which includes changes in enforcement protocols and procedures, the identification of problem locations and working with LADOT to implement engineering changes, the installation of cameras at problem intersections, and the pursuit of legislative amendments to the California Vehicle Code, Penal Code, Government Code and the Los Angeles Municipal Code, in an effort to reduce and discourage street racing and street takeovers.

During the meeting, representatives from the LAPD and LADOT presented an overview of the issues of street racing and intersection takeovers along with proposed solutions and answered questions from the Committee members. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report, as amended. Also, the Committee moved to note and file the Board of Police Commissioners report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	ABSENT
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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