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Support for Council File #21-1224

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Folks,

I write on behalf of Move LA in support of Council File #21-1224 on the August 7th Transportation Committee agenda. Back in 2021, the [legislature approved the program](#) to allow bus lane enforcement, and called for a report on results from Metro and other agencies on January 1, 2025.

Then, in January 2023, [the City Council voted in support of this program](#) and called on the city attorney to draft an updated bus lane ordinance for them to approve to get the program going in late 2023. This program was approved to move forward by the [Metro Board in October 2023](#).

For some reason, the program has not started. Every day, this is delayed, Metro and LADOT 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. For our transportation system to function as intended, it is imperative that we enforce these bus lanes and ensure that Metro and LADOT buses can run frequently and reliably.

AC Transit, which operates in Berkeley and Oakland, [surprisingly jumped ahead of LA and started its automated bus lane enforcement this month](#) and will launch automated bus stop enforcement this summer. Metro now won't be the first transit agency in California to launch automated bus lane and bus stop enforcement. Considering that Metro has already worked with the City of LA for the past several years to put in over 50 miles of dedicated bus lanes and plans to put in over 100 miles total, it is vital that this program is launched as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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