

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Article 8 of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to add a new Section 8.2.3.1 to enable the establishment of the Transportation Communication Network on property owned by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to permit signs with digital displays.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 (Limitations on Supplemental Districts) of Subsection B (Applicability) of Section 8.2.1 (General) of Division 8.2 (Supplemental Districts) of Article 8 (Specific Plans, Supplemental & Special Districts) of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

2. Limitations of Supplemental Districts

The Supplemental Districts established in Division 8.2 (Supplemental Districts) shall not supersede any Zoning District, as established in Sec. 1.4.2.A.1 (Zoning Districts). Sign Districts and Transportation Communication Network Districts may supersede the sign regulations established by Development Standards Districts, and Oil Drilling Districts may supersede the use regulations regarding resource extraction in Use Districts.

Sec. 2. Paragraph b (Other Supplemental Districts) of Subdivision 3 (Reconciling Provisions) of Subsection B (Applicability) of Section 8.2.2 (Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO)) of Division 8.2 (Supplemental Districts) of Article 8 (Specific Plans, Supplemental & Special Districts) of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

b. Other Supplemental Districts

In the event that the provisions of a CPIO conflict with provisions of another Supplemental District, the more restrictive provision shall prevail, except that where the provisions of a CPIO conflict with those of a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone or Transportation Communication Network District, then the provisions of the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone or Transportation Communication Network District shall prevail.

Sec. 3. Subdivision 2 (Reconciling Provisions) of Subsection B (Applicability) of Sec. 8.2.3 (Sign Districts (SN)) of Div. 8.2 (Supplemental Districts) of Article 8 (Specific Plans, Supplemental & Special Districts) of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

2. Reconciling Provisions

In the event that the provisions of a Sign District conflict with any provision of the Zoning Districts of a lot, Specific Plan or other Supplemental District, the Sign District shall prevail, except that where the provisions of a Sign District conflict with those of a Transportation Communication Network District, then the provisions of the Transportation Communication Network District shall prevail. However, the standards for a Sign District do not supersede the regulations of a Specific Plan or Supplemental District, as established in Article 8. (Specific Plans, Supplemental & Special Districts), or Transportation Communication Network District any zoning regulation needed to implement the provisions of an approved Development Agreement.

Sec. 4. Paragraph b (Other Supplemental Districts) of Subdivision 3 2 (Reconciling Provisions) of Subsection B (Applicability) of Section 8.2.5 (Community Design Overlay (CDO)) of Division 8.2 (Supplemental Districts) of Article 8 (Specific Plans, Supplemental & Special Districts) of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

b. Other Supplemental Districts

In the event that the provisions of a CDO conflict with provisions of another Supplemental District, the more restrictive provision shall prevail, except that where the provisions of a CDO conflict with those of a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone or Transportation Communication Network District, then the provisions of the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone or Transportation Communication Network District shall prevail.

Sec. 5. A new Section 8.2.8 is added to Division 8.2 (Supplemental Districts) of Article 8 (Specific Plans, Supplemental & Special Districts) of Chapter 1A of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to read as follows:

SEC. 8.2.8. TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION NETWORK DISTRICTS (TCN)

A. Intent

The Transportation Communication Network District (TCN District) is intended to impose special sign regulations designed to facilitate the implementation of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) Transportation Communication Network (TCN) program citywide, which will provide intelligent transportation technology, public messaging, service alerts, emergency and public safety alerts, revenue generation, and visual blight reduction through a city-wide off-site sign reduction program.

B. Applicability

1. Definition of Project

A TCN District project includes site modification or façade modification that involves the erection, construction, addition to, or structural modification of an on-site sign or off-site sign located within a TCN District, and is subject to the regulations outlined in the TCN District in which it is located, in accordance with the adopted TCN District standards established pursuant to this Section.

2. Reconciling Provisions

In the event that any provision of a TCN District ordinance is different from, more restrictive than, or more permissive than any provision of the Zoning Districts of a lot, a Specific Plan, or other Supplemental District, the TCN District ordinance provision shall prevail, with the exception of Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZ) and Conservation Districts (CD). In the event that any provision of a TCN District ordinance conflicts with any provision of a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) or Conservation District (CD), the more restrictive provision shall prevail. However, the provisions of a TCN District ordinance do not supersede any Specific Plan regulation, Supplemental District regulation, or zoning regulation that is needed to implement the provisions of an approved Development Agreement.

C. District Standards

The TCN District standards shall be determined at the time a TCN District is established. TCN District standards shall consist of sign regulations that enhance the character of the district by addressing the location, number, square footage, height, light illumination, hours of illumination, sign reduction program, duration of signs, design and types of signs permitted, as well as other characteristics; and may include murals, supergraphics, and other on-site signs and off-site signs.

1. Cumulative Number & Area of Signs

At no time shall the cumulative number of TCN support structures with digital displays permitted within all TCN Districts exceed 41 support structures, and such digital displays shall be limited to a maximum of 44,000 square feet of cumulative sign area.

2. Net Reduction in Off-Site Signs

A TCN District ordinance shall include requirements for off-site sign reduction that, at minimum, result in a net reduction in off-site signs citywide.

D. Procedures

1. Establishing a TCN District

TCN District boundaries and standards shall be established and amended in accordance with Sec. 13B.1.2 (Specific Plan Adoption/Amendment), and such boundaries and standards are represented as part of the third bracket set of the zoning designation of a lot with the acronym "TCN."

a. Applicable Lots

A TCN District shall only include parcels that are zoned Commercial-Mixed, Industrial-Mixed, Public Use District, or an equivalent specific plan zone and that are owned by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. For the purposes of this section, any parcel with zoned Public Use District in a portion of a TCN District shall be considered equivalent to a Commercial-Mixed Use District.

b. Boundaries

A TCN District may include contiguous and non-contiguous parcels. Precise parcel and/or district boundaries are required at the time of application to create or expand a TCN District.

2. Issuance of Building Permits

The Department of Building and Safety may approve and issue sign permits for any project within a TCN District that conforms to the applicable TCN District ordinance standards.

3. Review of Projects

A project shall be reviewed in conformance with the procedures established in each TCN District ordinance.

Sec. 6. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

HYDEE FELDSTEIN SOTO, City Attorney

By 
ERNESTO VELÁZQUEZ
Deputy City Attorney

Date December 7, 2023

File No. 22-0392

Pursuant to Charter Section 559, I **disapprove** this ordinance on behalf of the City Planning Commission and recommend that it **not** be adopted.


VINCENT P. BERTONI, AICP
Director of Planning

Date December 7, 2023

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The Clerk of the City of Los Angeles hereby certifies that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles **by a vote of not less than two-thirds** of all its members.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

Ordinance Passed _____

Approved _____