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Councilmember Rodriguez, Chair  
Public Safety Committee  
Attention: Heleen Ramirez, Legislative Assistant

RE: Transmittal for Council File No. 24-0562

On October 2, 2024, the Transportation Committee considered a Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report relative to an assessment of bus driver safety concerns, safeguards implemented, and recommendations to protect the City's contract bus drivers and the transit riding public.

After an opportunity for public comment was provided, the Committee recommended that the Council APPROVE the BOE report dated August 7, 2024, attached to the Council file, AS AMENDED below:

1. FIND that, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 371(e)(5), executing contracts to install protective driver barriers on Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) DASH buses to be of urgent necessity to preserve the lives and safety of bus drivers due to the recent increases in assault on DASH buses, and that obtaining competitive proposals or bids would not be reasonably practical and compatible with the City's interests.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, to enter into sole-source contracts with Power Manufacturing, AROW Global Corp., and Vapor Bus International, for the installation of protective barriers on all active DASH buses, subject to City Attorney approval as to form and legality.
3. AUTHORIZE the LADOT to transfer a total of \$3,669,000 within the Proposition A Fund No. 385, to fund the safety initiatives that LADOT has identified in response to Motion (Hutt – Park), attached to the Council file, as follows:
  - a. Transfer from Account No. 94AA40, Transit Facility State of Good Repair – \$2,250,442; and from Account No. 94A431, Transit Operations – \$1,418,558; to a new Account, "Bus Driver Safety Risk Mitigation."

4. DIRECT the Los Angeles Police Department to report on a plan of security services that they are able to implement to support safe operation of LADOT DASH services and layovers.
5. AUTHORIZE the LADOT to make any technical corrections or clarifications, as necessary, to the above instructions.

Pursuant to multiple referrals of this matter, the subject Council file is hereby transmitted to the Public Safety Committee for further consideration.

Respectfully,



Rita Moreno  
Legislative Assistant, Transportation Committee

<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUTT:	Yes
PARK:	Yes
HERNANDEZ:	Absent
DE LEÓN:	Absent
RAMAN:	Yes

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