

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to implementation of AB 645 authorizing the City of Los Angeles to establish a Speed Safety System Pilot Program to reduce speeding.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Blumenfield – Raman – Hutt):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report by January 5, 2024 with:
  - a. Recommended criteria to identify locations for the 125 speed safety camera locations allowed for in AB645, to reduce speeding and improve safety without disproportionately burdening low-income communities of color.
  - b. A draft Speed Safety System Use Policy that complies with the requirements of AB 645, and that is developed in consultation and collaboration with traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle safety advocates and organizations.
  - c. Recommendations for on-going public and Council evaluation and oversight of the Speed Safety System.
2. INSTRUCT the LADOT to develop a community engagement strategy and a public information campaign that complies with the requirements of AB645 to collaborate with traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle safety, and equity advocates and organizations to develop the pilot program ensures that communities are aware and supportive of these locations.
3. INSTRUCT the LADOT to report in 180 days with a work plan and timetable for developing a draft Speed Safety Impact Report that complies with the requirements of AB645 and that has been developed in consultation and collaboration with traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle safety advocates and organizations.
4. INSTRUCT the LADOT, in coordination with the City Administrative Office (CAO), to report on the staffing and budgetary needs of the LADOT and other relevant departments, to implement AB645, including design and installation of traffic-calming measures on streets where speed safety systems are installed.

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 November 1, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (Blumenfield - Raman – Hutt) relative to implementation of AB 645 authorizing the City of Los Angeles to establish a Speed Safety System Pilot Program to reduce speeding. According to the Motion, on October 13, 2023, Governor Newsom signed AB 645 (Friedman-Santiago-Ting), which authorizes six cities in California - including the City of Los Angeles - to establish a Speed Safety System Pilot Program to reduce speeding in a manner that is reliable, fair, predictable and effective, thereby reducing speed-related traffic fatalities and injuries. The City had previously adopted a Resolution in support of this important safety legislation (Council File No. 23-0002-S55).

In 2022, 312 people were killed in car crashes in the City. These deaths predominantly impact people walking, people biking, people of color, and people from low-income communities. This alarming statistic marked the highest rate of such incidents in over two decades, with car crashes now the leading cause of death for people under thirty in Los Angeles County. Unsafe speed is the primary factor that determines the severity of a crash, and just 5 miles per hour can be the difference between injury and death.

AB 645 requires cities to adopt a comprehensive Speedy Safety System Use Policy, approve a Speed Safety System Impact Report, and administer a public information campaign prior to the implementation and installation of speed safety systems, including the use of automated speed enforcement (ASE) devices. This impact report will provide guidelines concerning the issuance of violation notices while ensuring the protection of individual confidentiality and strictly limits the installation of ASEs for public safety purposes. Additionally, cities are required to create an implementation plan that encompasses traffic-calming measures at sites where speed safety systems are to be installed. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended. 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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