

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to analyzing DASH fare collection costs that can be eliminated under a fare-free operation.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Hutt – Soto-Martinez, Hernandez):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to report with a comprehensive analysis of all costs associated with DASH fare collection which could be eliminated under a fare-free operation. This analysis should include, but not be limited to, 1) expenses related to TAP card system hardware, software, maintenance, and support; 2) fare enforcement programs and contracts; and 3) administrative work associated with fare collection, promotion, and processing.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On January 22, 2025, your Transportation Committee considered a December 13, 2024 Motion (Hutt – Soto-Martinez, Hernandez) relative to analyzing DASH fare collection costs that can be eliminated under a fare-free operation. According to the Motion, the City is currently conducting a Transit Survey Analysis (18-0244-S4) and review of Proposition A funds to modify DASH to ensure costs and expenses match up with revenues, and it is fiscally prudent to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of DASH fare collection to help inform the currently proposed reintroduction of DASH fares in January 2025. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
HUTT:	YES
PARK:	ABSENT
HERNANDEZ:	YES

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