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Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, Chair
Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee

RE: Council File No. 18-0244-S4

On June 5, 2024, the Transportation Committee considered a March 27, 2024 Los Angeles Department of Transportation report relative to Proposition A status and forecast for transit services. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee Chair moved to make a series of recommendations that were approved by the attending Committee members. The recommendations are attached to this transmittal letter. This file is now transmitted to the Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee.

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COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
DE LEON:	ABSENT
RAMAN:	ABSENT

Attachment

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHAIR

1. INSTRUCT LADOT to pause further roll out of the Transit Services Assessment(TSA) Service Plan that are not obligated to be implemented under existing Funding Agreements, consistent with the resources provided in the FY 2024-2025 Adopted Budget.
2. INSTRUCT LADOT to report to Council with an overview of the recommendations from the TSA Service Plan approved by Council in 2018 that have been implemented to date, the recommendations that have not been implemented that will be paused and reconsidered in a revised TSA, and the criteria that will be used to analyze these outstanding commitments in the forthcoming revised TSA.
3. INSTRUCT LADOT to initiate a revised TSA to identify potential service changes that would align operational expenses to the reliable revenues forecasted while still providing a core well-functioning service. The revised TSA should take into account:
 - a. Phase 1 route recommendations from the TSA Service Plan approved by Council in 2018 that have not yet been implemented, the data that identified those communities for expanded service in 2018, the data used to analyze them in the revised TSA, and any available funding that will allow the Department to launch these routes if they are identified as priority communities in the revised TSA.
 - b. Current, and potential long-term, travel changes brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic and related commuting and travel patterns since that time;
 - c. Performance data, rider surveys, adopted guidelines, and performance metrics that City Council already approved pursuant to Council File 18-0244, as well as operational conditions imposed by the utilization of Battery Electric Buses (BEBs);
 - d. The consideration of existing and new services, or service partnerships with other agencies, that provide public transit to cultural and tourist destinations, on an ongoing basis and for upcoming major events like the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympics and Paralympic Games;
 - e. Sponsorship opportunities, public-private partnerships, and other service provision subsidization methods as appropriate for different services and service routes.
4. INSTRUCT LADOT to report on the implementation of the pre-existing DASH fares, set to begin on January 1, 2025, and any recommendations to revise the fare amount.
5. INSTRUCT LADOT, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to identify new funding sources for transit services and transit capital necessary to electrify the transit fleet and meet useful life benchmarks.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHAIR (cont.)

6. INSTRUCT LADOT, with the assistance of the CAO, to identify additional cost savings from Proposition A.
7. INSTRUCT LADOT to report in six months with a status report on the effort to undertake a new TSA.
8. INSTRUCT LADOT to report back in 30 days with options for providing interim transit service, including but not limited to piloting certain days or hours, in the area of the future Boyle Heights west DASH while the updated TSA is being conducted.