

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) Code the Curb project.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. RECEIVE and FILE the LADOT dated June 12, 2020, relative to the status of the Department's Code the Curb project to create a digital inventory of the City's physical curbside assets and regulations.
2. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to prepare a Motion for consideration by the Ad Hoc on Covid-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment Committee relative to identifying pandemic emergency recovery funds to support the LADOT's Code the Curb project.
3. DIRECT the LADOT to report in 180 days with a status update on the Code the Curb project.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund inasmuch as the Department's report is informational.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated June 12, 2020, LADOT discusses the status of the Code the Curb project. The Code the Curb project will build and maintain a digital inventory of the City's physical curbside assets and regulations. The second phase of the project will develop a curb asset management system.

Prior to the COVID-19 local emergency and global pandemic, LADOT was on track to announce and issue a Task Order Solicitation to secure contractual services to support delivery of Phase 2 in Summer 2020. LADOT requested \$2,000,000 in the FY 20-21 budget funding for contractual services to support Phase 2 work, which would involve designing a curb asset management platform capable of supporting various system integrations, building a digital inventory of the location and definition of physical assets used to manage curb space demands, and demonstrating early applications of digital active management of curb use to meet real-time demands.

LADOT reports that digital inventory activities would likely involve imaging and processing of posted signs displaying time limits for allowable curbside uses, parking meters, parking prohibitions, and colored curb designations, and other regulatory tools installed along the 7,500 miles of Los Angeles streets using some combination of efficient machine-vision technology and data analyst processing. The Department goes on to discuss how the project can be used to help the City respond to COVID19 pandemic emergency conditions and economic recovery. LADOT's digital curb asset inventory and curb management platform would facilitate timely and equitable reallocation of physical spaces to meet urgent community needs. These tools would allow LADOT and other City agencies to support local business and economic recovery by

efficiently delivering strategies for reopening following the COVID-19 emergency. Specifically, this platform would reduce the time, effort, and materials needed to deliver new commercial loading zones for continued business operations, designating zones for curbside pick-up of food or retail purchases, dedicating road space to expand the footprint of outdoor dining and markets, or expanding pedestrian walkways to allow for queuing at bus stops or outside essential retailers.

LADOT further reports that the digital asset inventory would create entry-level employment opportunities involving field investigations to close gaps in information, asset data quality assurance and management, and digital asset inventory design and development. Employee functions and skills needed to deliver the multi-year Code the Curb project and administer the resulting curb management platform align well with the education, training, and interests of Los Angeles youth, recent graduates, and entry-level candidates.

At its special meeting held June 19, 2020, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. Committee recommended that Council receive and file the LADOT report. Committee further recommended that Council direct the CLA prepare a Motion for consideration by to the Ad Hoc on Covid-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment Committee relative to identifying pandemic emergency recovery funds to support the LADOT's Code the Curb project, and for LADOT to report in 180 days with a status update on the Code the Curb project.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

KORETZ: YES

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