

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to extending deadlines of the 2009 and 2010 vehicle model year limitation in the current taxicab franchise agreements.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz – Krekorian):

AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to extend the 2009 and 2010 vehicle model year limitation in the current taxicab franchises from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2021.

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 December 9, 2020, Council considered Motion (Koretz – Krekorian) relative to extending deadlines of the 2009 and 2010 vehicle model year limitation in the current taxicab franchise agreements. Motion states nine existing ordinances grant franchises to taxi companies, giving them the exclusive right to provide taxicab service in the City. As part of the current franchise system, taxicab companies must adhere to a vehicle replacement schedule, including the phase-out of 2009 and 2010 model year vehicles by December 31, 2020.

Motion goes on to state that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has challenged the taxicab industry, which will be compounded by the requirement to upgrade existing vehicle model years. LADOT's reduced staff may slow the inspection and approval of hundreds of new taxi vehicles. Allowing the 2009 and 2010 model year vehicles to remain in service for a slightly longer time, Motion Movers believe taxicab companies can save precious dollars during a difficult financial time for the industry. Motion recommends that Council authorize LADOT to extend the phase-out deadline to December 31, 2021. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held January 19, 2021, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

BUSCAINO: YES

KORETZ: YES

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