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Bob Blumenfield, Chair
Public Works Committee
Room 415, City Hall

Dear Councilmember Blumenfield:

At its meeting held June 1, 2021, the Transportation Committee considered the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report dated May 25, 2021, relative to recommendations for a regulatory framework for Personal Delivery Devices (PDD) operating in the public right-of-way. At that time, Committee recommended (Bonin, Buscaino: yes; Koretz: no) that Council approve LADOT's recommendations, as amended to:

AMEND the draft regulations to limit operation in the roadway when a sidewalk is present.

AMEND the draft application to require companies to identify proposed neighborhoods to be served and documented engagement with the affected Neighborhood Councils and other local organizations.

AMEND the fleet size to allow up to 100 devices per neighborhood, with each operator allowed to operate in up to three neighborhoods; operators may add up to three additional neighborhoods with an L.A. Equity Index score of 5.5 or less; additional expansions or reductions will be at the discretion of LADOT; and, exempt all PDD that are active and soon to be active in San Pedro from proposed fleet size caps.

AMEND to a 120-day report back (from 180-day) and include recommendations on adjusting fleet size, fees and fee structures, equity incentives and saturation protections; information on the cost of administration and enforcement, and if additional positions are needed, to be funded by fee revenue; and, information from LADOT and the City Attorney on minimum employment standards, including local hire requirements, wage standards, and employee status.

DIRECT the LADOT to allow currently operating companies to continue their existing operation in San Pedro and Venice without interruption during the transition into the new pilot program.

Pursuant to the dual referral of this matter, the subject Council file is hereby transmitted to your Public Works Committee, for consideration.

Sincerely,

John White, Legislative Assistant
Transportation Committee