

MOTION

Los Angeles is a world class city which attracts as many as 50 million visitors annually, numerous job centers that draw daily commuters, and a transit system that is both a lifeline for those without cars and a solution to the climate crisis. Unfortunately, the City lacks adequate facilities for residents and visitors alike to use the restroom when traversing the City. In addition, our residents experiencing homelessness struggle with the lack of restroom access, which has serious public health implications.

Currently, the burden is being placed on small businesses to open up their facilities to the general public. In the worst case scenario the City and its residents and businesses are left to clean up human waste in front of their properties and in public spaces.

Currently, the City has 14 Automated Public Toilets (APTs) as part of the Coordinated Street Furniture Program (CSFP). Half of these are attended, an augmentation that is separately funded and which has successfully reduced maintenance needs and downtime, increased use, enhanced security, and provided jobs and service opportunities.

With a new Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program contract being developed to replace the CSFP and expected to begin January 1, 2022, it is timely to discuss how the City will ensure no lapse of service for the 14 APTs operated through the CSFP.

The City also operates Mobile Pit Stops in areas of high demand. These are typically two porta potties and a hand washing station, operated by an ambassador that helps maintain them between uses.

While the City has expanded restroom access in response to the crisis of homelessness, clearly it needs to do more. Beyond what is needed to provide those experiencing homelessness with the dignity of a place to use the restroom, a world class city should be offering clean, safe, and inviting public restrooms for the full range of users, including commuters, transit riders, and tourists.

I THEREFORE MOVE that StreetsLA report on its plans and recommendations to ensure no loss of service in the public toilets provided through the Coordinated Street Furniture Program when it is transitioned to the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program in January 2022.

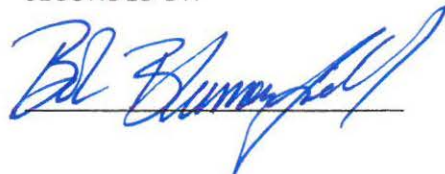
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with assistance from StreetsLA, Chief Legislative Analyst and other departments as necessary, report on existing eligible funding sources for the City's current inventory of public restrooms and potential funding sources to expand restroom access Citywide, especially to support our parks, transit use, and tourism generally; to help protect water quality and public health and safety; and to ensure gender equity in access to restrooms and necessary personal hygiene products.

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