

PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the re-exemption of one Chief of Transit Programs (Class Code 9200) position for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the re-exemption of one Chief of Transit Programs (Class Code 9200) position for the LADOT from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b).

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Mayor. The Chief Legislative Analyst has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – NOVEMBER 9, 2021

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – NOVEMBER 9, 2021)

Summary:

On October 20, 2021, your Committee considered an October 13, 2021 Communication from the Mayor relative to the re-exemption of one Chief of Transit Programs (Class Code 9200) position for the LADOT from the Civil Service pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b). According to the Mayor, Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 142 are approved. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of October 13, 2021, this request will be in the 144th position of the 150 exemptions. There are an additional 50 exempt positions added by the City Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4), of which 6 are filled.

The Chief of Transit Programs position was previously approved for exemption under 1001(b) by the City Council and was subsequently filled. The position was vacated on May 8, 2021 and deleted from the count. Charter Section 1001(b)(1) requires that, "When the position is vacated, the exemption shall terminate unless reauthorized in accordance with this subsection."

The Chief of Transit Programs will oversee and direct a staff of 47 professional employees in the Bureau of Transit, which is responsible for planning, maintenance, operation, and expansion of bus and rail transit facilities and operations of the City's specialized bus transit program, including micro transit service and electrification of the transit fleet. The duties and responsibilities of the position include, but will not be limited to:

- Leverage and secure local, state, and federal grant funds in conjunction with Prop A funds to maintain, operate, and expand the DASH, Commuter Express, and

CityRide, etc. services.

- Plan and implement continued service improvements and expands for DASH, Commuter Express, CityRide, LANAow, and other emerging transit services.
- Maintain and operate station parking lots and facilities to support Metrolink transit stops within the City of Los Angeles.
- Coordinate and collaborate with other local transit agencies and Metro to improve the public transit experience.
- Acquire and manage properties for transit maintenance yards including the design and the installation of electrification charging infrastructure.
- Advance and incorporate appropriate technologies for transit fleet electrification, service improvements and transit safety.
- Market and communicate to the public regarding service and safety announcements.
- Comply with local, state, and federal regulations including FTA Tri-Annual Audit.
- Maintain an effective workforce to ensure equity and equal employment opportunities.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the exemption. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee



COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

KORETZ: YES

HARRIS-DAWSON: YES

BONIN: ABSENT

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