

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to current permitting and regulatory environment for Advanced Aerial Mobility (AAM).

Recommendation for Council action:

DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Department of City Planning (DCP) to report in regard to:

- a. A work plan to advance the framework presented as detailed in the October 27, 2021 joint LADOT and DCP report, attached to the Council File.
- b. Grant opportunities to support work efforts for policy and regulatory work in connection with AAM.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT and DCP report that there is no fiscal impact on the basis of the October 27, 2021 joint LADOT/DCP report, attached to the Council File.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 2, 2021, your Committee considered an October 27, 2021 joint LADOT/DCP report relative to current permitting and regulatory environment for AAM. According to the LADOT/DCP, Urban Air Mobility (UAM) refers to an emerging transportation mode that uses highly automated aircraft to operate and transport passengers or cargo at lower altitudes within urban and suburban areas. AAM builds upon the UAM concept by incorporating use cases not specific to operations in urban environments, such as regional transportation, cargo movement, public services, and private or recreational vehicles. AAM is a step forward for the aviation industry that could help cities and regions improve the safety, sustainability, and accessibility of airbound travel. It also presents an opportunity to integrate aviation into the transportation system, providing an alternative mode of travel that could help achieve sustainability goals and relieve congestion.

During the meeting, representatives from the LADOT and DCP presented an overview of their report and answered questions from the Committee members. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the joint report, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

KORETZ: YES

BUSCAINO: YES

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