

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the impacts of vehicle pollution and idling.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report within 120 days on potential state funding opportunities that could be accessed to fund an estimated \$5 to \$10 million dollar educational campaign, the feasibility of using City assets as part of a broader marketing campaign, and potential partnerships that could be pursued to advance this work, including with the South Coast Air Quality Management District and/or the California Air Resources Board.
2. DIRECT the Chief Sustainability Officers of each relevant City Department to report within 120 days on opportunities to reduce idling within all City-owned fleets to include a creating and displaying a "Don't Be Idle" decal on all City vehicle dashboards to remind employees to turn off the engine whenever appropriate.
3. DIRECT the LADOT, working with the Department of City Planning, to report within 120 days on all options to better regulate drive-throughs, in terms of both idling and design, in a way that does not impede the public right-of-way.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that there is no financial impact from its February 10, 2022 report, attached to the Council File.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
Encino Neighborhood Council
Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council
Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Neighborhood Council
Palms Neighborhood Council
Silver Lake Neighborhood Council
West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council

For, if amended:

Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On February 15, 2022, your Committee considered a February 10, 2022 LADOT relative to the impacts of vehicle pollution and idling. According to the LADOT, the need for climate action is urgent. In a 2018 United Nations report, thousands of scientists and government reviewers agreed that limiting global temperature rise to no more than 1.5° Celsius would help us avoid the worst climate impacts and maintain a livable climate. The emissions that cause climate change come from every part of the world and affect everyone. The ten countries with the largest emissions contribute 68% of total emissions. Countries creating higher emissions, including the United States, have a greater responsibility to act with more urgency.

The American Lung Association 2021 "State of the Air" report finds that despite some nationwide progress on cleaning up air pollution, more than 40% of Americans over 135 million people in places with unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution. The burden of living with unhealthy air is not shared equally. Communities of color are over three times more likely to be breathing the most polluted air than communities with a majority white population. Vehicle idling is part of the climate action picture. The US Department of Energy estimates idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and produces more emissions than stopping and restarting your engine. Researchers estimate that idling from heavy-duty and light-duty vehicles wastes about six billion gallons of fuel annually. Personal vehicles comprise half of that waste. Eliminating idling of personal vehicles would be the equivalent of taking five million vehicles off the roads. While completely eliminating idling may not be feasible, there are solutions to reducing idling, improving air quality, and mitigating climate change in Los Angeles. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to make a series of recommendations as detailed in the above recommendations. 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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