

TRANSPORTATION and BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to the Universal Basic Mobility (UBM) Program.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) request to transfer up to \$4.0 million in funding from the Unappropriated Balance (UB) to the LADOT to implement the UBM Program.
2. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, to negotiate and execute agreements, subject to review by the City Attorney as to form and legality.
3. AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer and appropriate \$4,000,000 from the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100-58, Account No. 580375 to a new account in the Transportation Trust Fund No. 840-94, entitled "Universal Basic Mobility Program" to support the implementation of the Universal Basic Mobility Program.
4. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, LADOT, or designee, to prepare additional Controller instructions and/or any necessary technical adjustments that are consistent with Mayor and Council action, subject to the review of the City Administrative Officer; and, REQUEST the Controller to implement these instructions.
5. DIRECT the LADOT to report on an annual basis on the status of the UBM Program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that there is no impact to the City's General Fund is anticipated by this action since funding was allocated in the Fiscal Year 22 Budget for the UBM Program.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 15, 2022, the Transportation Committee considered a February 10, 2022 LADOT relative to the UBM Program. According to the LADOT, in Los Angeles today, a person can access 12 times more jobs in one hour by car than by transit. More men in Los Angeles have their driver's license and own smartphones, which contributes to women spending a staggering 16.5 percent of their earnings on transportation. The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified these and other existing inequities in our transportation system and deepened the challenges that many residents experience, particularly those facing other systemic challenges such as poverty.

The LADOT's Strategic Plan prioritizes equity as a key pillar of its work and ensures that all personnel, contracts, programs, and services work to achieve equitable, dignified,

and just outcomes for underserved populations in Los Angeles. As part of this work, LADOT is developing UBM as an organizing principle, guiding operations and investments Department-wide. The UB accepts that people simply cannot access education, employment, housing, and healthcare without robust transportation options and that the department's focus should be on securing more transportation choices for all Angelenos to remove transportation as a budgetary or absolute barrier to achieving their dreams and aspirations.

Prior to the pandemic, the LADOT established the country's largest electric vehicle car sharing program (BlueLA), and the country's largest dockless pilot program. The City developed these programs in response to unprecedented growth in the private transportation sector, as well as targeted funding opportunities focused on greenhouse gas (gHg) reductions in disadvantaged communities. Additionally, LADOT piloted free transit for students, under its DASH to Class Pilot program, and now has made DASH free for all. These programs increase access to mobility services for low income communities, but ensuring equitable transportation requires continued investment in the mobility needs of those struggling with the greatest systemic inequities.

In August 2020, the LADOT worked in partnership with Slate Z, a South Los Angeles nonprofit focused on revitalizing South Los Angeles by moving residents to economic opportunity, to submit a grant application to pilot Universal Basic Mobility options in South Los Angeles. The California Air Resources Board awarded \$14 million to deliver the project. In April 2021, LADOT developed and submitted a multifaceted grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) requesting over \$40 million in infrastructure improvements for South Los Angeles. The scope of work included funding for street safety infrastructure, digital infrastructure, Electric Vehicle chargers, air quality monitors, and broadband.

The LADOT received a partial award of \$18 million to implement the street safety improvements, and is working with the Bureau of Streets Services and USDOT now, to prepare a report to City Council to accept the funding. Through these grant awards, LADOT is advancing its Universal Basic Mobility workstream to ensure every Angeleno has dignified, reliable, safe, and affordable transportation that serves their needs. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Transportation Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the LADOT report, as amended. Subsequently, on February 28, 2022, the Budget and Finance Committee also considered this matter and after consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, moved to concur with the Transportation Committee. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee



COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES
KORETZ: YES
BUSCAINO: YES

Budget and Finance Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

KREKORIAN: YES
BLUMENFIELD: YES
DE LEON: YES
RODRIGUEZ: YES
PRICE: YES

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