

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Green New Deal sustainable transportation network and projected mobility benefits and emissions reductions.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Bonin – Krekorian – Martinez):

DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

- a. In consultation with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and with the support of the Bureau of Engineering and StreetsLA, report by July 1, 2020, with a proposed network of bus priority infrastructure that improves travel speeds on transit corridors by 30 percent consistent with the Metro Vision 2028 Strategic Plan.
- b. Prioritize infrastructure serving high-need communities identified by the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles' Community Equity and Health Index, said implementation plan shall include projected mobility benefits and emission reductions.
- c. In consultation with the Bureau of Engineering and StreetsLA, report by July 1, 2020, with an implementation plan for a comprehensive Citywide network of active transportation corridors for walking, bicycling, and micro-mobility, said implementation plan shall complete at least one major regional project and one neighborhood-oriented network per year and be prioritized based on the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles' Community Equity and Health Index, including projected mobility benefits and emission reductions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On February 11, 2020, Council considered Motion (Bonin – Krekorian – Martinez) relative to a proposed Green New Deal sustainable transportation network and projected mobility benefits and emissions reductions. Motion states Los Angeles has long led the nation on policies encouraging renewable energy, green buildings, electrification, waste reduction, and environmental justice. A Green New Deal will build on this strong foundation and catalyze the City government and the public toward action.

Motion goes on to state that on February 10, 2020, Mayor Garcetti issued Executive Directive No. 25 to accelerate many of the actions necessary to achieve the City's climate, economic, and equity goals. The Directive focuses on transportation, which is the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Los Angeles, and one of the only emissions sources that is still growing. To that end, it seeks to accelerate various actions previously approved by Council:

- Zero emission bus deployment (Council file No. 17-0739)
- Zero emission municipal fleet (Council file No. 19-1527)
- Electric vehicle charger installation in public right-of-way (Council file No. 14-0079-S4)
- Bus priority infrastructure (Council file No. 19-0885)

- Light rail signal priority (Council file No. 19-1236)
- Planning for reduction of vehicle miles traveled (Council file No. 14-1169)

Motion movers further state that the Mayor's Executive Directive also proposes accelerating the implementation of sustainable transportation networks and directs LADOT to develop implementation plans for strategic transit and active transportation infrastructure that is necessary to achieve climate and mobility goals previously adopted by Council. Motion movers believe Council should review these implementation plans. Motion recommends that Council instruct LADOT and other agencies report with recommendations and implementation plans for these proposals. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held February 26, 2020, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter. During the public comment period, a representative or organized labor expressed support for the program, stating building charging station infrastructure is an opportunity for creating green jobs. Comments from other speakers included the benefit of personal mobility devices and concerns that not enough was being done to improve street safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

KORETZ: YES

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