

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to creating a gender-equitable transportation system.

Recommendation for Council action:

DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report back in one year on the status of programs and initiatives detailed in the September 30, 2022 LADOT report, attached to the Council File.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that there is no impact to the General Fund at this time. The estimated cost for three new positions outlined in the September 30, 2022 LADOT report, attached to the Council File, may have an impact to the General Fund. Through the budget process, the LADOT will define staff positions and salaries that would impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 1, 2022, your Committee considered a September 30, 2022 LADOT report relative to creating a gender-equitable transportation system. According to the LADOT, in 2019, the LADOT commissioned a study, *Changing Lanes: A Gender and Transportation Study* (Changing Lanes), to better understand gender-based transportation needs and barriers in Los Angeles. The study informs how the Department collects and analyzes data to make service and infrastructure decisions that better support the mobility needs of women, girls, and gender minorities. Data collection efforts are often skewed to capture information from male travelers, despite women taking more trips and often being responsible for a higher share of household and care-related travel.

Limited mobility impacts access to opportunity and increases the time and cost burdens of travel for women and their families. The LADOT published Changing Lanes in 2021. The findings of the report demonstrate that there are significant gender-based and neighborhood-based disparities in mobility across Los Angeles.

In May 2021, Council directed the LADOT to report on programs that provide new mobility options for women and prioritize the experiences, perspectives, and needs of low-income and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. This direction also asked LADOT to report on the necessary resources to implement the recommendations in the Changing Lanes study.

Travel patterns vary by gender. Gender-based differences in travel patterns include trip-chaining, reliance on specific modes, traveling with dependents or others, tendency to make either many more trips or many fewer trips. Changing Lanes confirmed significant gender-based and neighborhood-based mobility disparities in Los Angeles that

compound inequities for women in low-income neighborhoods. The study also found limited access to information, such as access to internet and smart phones, as well as lower rates of driver's licenses, contribute to restricted mobility for women. Safety and perceptions of safety are yet another concern: women, girls, and gender and sexual minorities are more likely to face violence or harassment while traveling, and commonly report it as a barrier to using public transit and traveling on the street. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve Recommendation No. 1 of the LADOT report, as detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
BONIN:	YES
HUTT:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT

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