

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

TRANSPORTATION

Committee

report as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an evaluation of the Drivecam Video System for the City's transit fleet.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report dated March 30, 2007, in response to Motion (Parks - Greuel), relative to an evaluation of the Drivecam Video System for the City's transit fleet, inasmuch as the report was submitted for information only and no Council action is necessary.
2. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst to investigate the use of technology in City trash trucks.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that its report was for information only and does not impact the budget.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report dated March 30, 2007, the LADOT notes that the DriveCam system is designed to improve transit operator behavior and reduce transit accidents by way of a small video recorder mounted on the windshield of a bus. The device records what an operator sees and hears as well as the area directly behind the operator in the interior of a bus. LADOT staff reviewed the findings of Metro's initial demonstration, the pilot expansion, and the expansion of the system to the Orange Line vehicles. As a result of the demonstration, Metro has experienced a downward trend in both accidents and accident severity at its Division Three San Gabriel Valley facility.

The department further states that in 2005, it also began demonstrating the DriveCam system on DASH vehicles through one of its service contractors. The use of the system has since expanded to now include the entire Community DASH and Cityride fleet of vehicles (219 vehicles in total). Similar to Metro's initial demonstration, the DriveCam system is provided free of charge to the City. The two service contractors providing the Community DASH and Cityride services have assumed the full costs for the system. Their experiences, which are similar to those of Metro, have shown the DriveCam system to be an invaluable tool in reducing accidents, improving driver behavior, and reducing liability costs. The LADOT states that it intends on pursuing the installation of DriveCam on the two programs that do not currently have this system, Commuter Express and DASH Downtown, as part of the new contracts that will be established.

At a regular meeting held on February 25, 2009, the Transportation Committee considered the the LADOT report relative to an evaluation of the Drivecam Video System for the City's transit fleet. Representatives from the LADOT gave the Committee background information on the

matter. An opportunity for public comment was held. Afterwards, the Committee moved to note and file the LADOT report and asked the Chief Legislative Analyst to investigate the use of technology in City trash trucks. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
GREUEL:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
ALARCON:	YES
PARKS:	YES
ROSENDAHL:	YES

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