

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

Your

**BUDGET AND FINANCE
and
TRANSPORTATION Committees**

reports as follows:

BUDGET AND FINANCE and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to preliminary recommendations for City transit service reductions and fare increases.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report relative to preliminary recommendations for City transit service reductions and fare increases, inasmuch as the report is submitted for information and no Council action is necessary.
2. DIRECT the LADOT to report back to the Council with recommendations to eliminate certain City transit services and raise passenger fares as a means to address the projected Proposition A funding shortfall.
3. INSTRUCT the LADOT to report back to the Council relative to the following:
 - a. the proposed increase in quarterly fees for the Cityride Program and the impact on the Cityride Dial-A-Ride and Cityride Taxi service components;
 - b. further exploration of the preliminary recommendations concerning the reductions to the Northridge DASH line in Council District 12, a high performing route, and the Commuter Express line in CD 12;
 - c. further exploration of the extension of the Orange line into Council District 12.
 - d. reconsideration of the elimination of the Fairfax DASH and Hyde Park DASH Shuttle;
 - e. consideration of a reduction in the Charter Bus Program, which primarily services seniors and youth, rather than an elimination of the Program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports there is no impact on the Budget as the report is for information only.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At a joint meeting of the Budget and Finance and Transportation Committees on April 19, 2010, the Committees considered an LADOT report relative to preliminary recommendations for City transit service reductions and fare increases. To respond to a projected Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 Proposition A funding shortfall of \$23 million, the LADOT began an analysis of all of its transit services earlier this year with the assistance of TMD, Inc., a nationally respected transportation consultant. The preliminary recommendations from the study call for reductions affecting all LADOT transit services including DASH, Commuter Express, Cityride and Charter Bus, as well as

increases in the fares or fees charged for these services. Following public hearings to gather public input and comments regarding the suggested program changes, and prior to implementing any of these recommendations, LADOT will forward its final recommendations to the City Council for approval. Due to the significant shortfall projected for FY 2010-11, LADOT's goal is to implement the changes by July 1, 2010 in order to minimize the magnitude of the program reductions and fare increases in the next fiscal year.

During public comment as well as the Committees' discussion, strong support was expressed by the public and Councilmembers Rosendahl, Koretz and LaBonge for the continuance of Commuter Express line 430, which is preliminarily recommended for elimination. The Committees recommended to note and file the LADOT report inasmuch as the report is submitted for information and no Council action is necessary. The members of both the Budget and Finance and Transportation Committees requested various reports back which are reflected in the Committee report recommendations. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
PARKS:	YES
SMITH:	ABSENT
ROSENDAHL:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ROSENDAHL:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
ALARCÓN:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	YES
PARKS:	YES

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