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Honorable Members,
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RE: Special Agenda Item 17
Final recommendations for City Transit Service reductions and fare increases

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Dear Councilmember,

Before you today is an item that will greatly impact the residents of both Los Angeles and West Hollywood. But during such challenging times, I understand difficult decisions must be made.

The DASH Fairfax primarily serves older adults with almost half of those that reached out to you identified as seniors or disabled. In fact, 1/3 of the customers on this route use it for medical appointments.

In addition to raising fares across the board, your recommendations today call for dramatic cuts to this most important line but retaining it. This DASH is essential and even reducing service from 15 minutes to 30 minutes would be a monumental and greatly appreciated save.

The DASH Hollywood/West Hollywood is also vital for our communities and especially for those that must travel to Cedars-Sinai. Your recommendations call for this line to be cancelled. This will severely impact residents of our cities too and if there is any chance at all that it can be saved—even by reducing service—I urge you to please consider it.

Overall, it would be most beneficial to residents of both of our cities if the implementation date for these new changes was delayed. By putting these drastic measures into effect by July 1, I believe DASH users will not have enough time or notice to figure out alternatives. Can you please consider delaying the start date?

I would like to offer a special thank you to Council President Garcetti, Councilmember LaBonge and Councilmember Koretz for their work and open communication with the City of West Hollywood on these changes to the DASH line. Moving forward, I hope you will all continue counting on West Hollywood as a partner and friend as we work together to address this and other issues affecting our residents.

Thank you for all you do—everyday—for the City of Los Angeles. And with my very best wishes for Pride,


Lindsey Horvath
Councilmember
City of West Hollywood

