

Your

TRANSPORTATION

Committee

reports as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to implementing a program to reuse old parking meters as "homeless donation meters."

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Huizar – Rosendahl):

INSTRUCT the Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement a program to reuse old parking meters as "homeless donation meters" in Downtown Los Angeles, and to evaluate the feasibility of using parking meters with swipe card technology for the receipt of donations.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. 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 November 14, 2012, Council considered Motion (Huizar – Rosendahl) relative to reusing old parking meters as "homeless donation meters." Motion states that DOT is on schedule to fully complete the transition from old parking meters to new parking meter technology by the end of December 2012, removing 1,140 underutilized on-street parking meters. Many other cities across the country have implemented a program to reuse old parking meters as "homeless donation meters" to curb aggressive panhandling. Instead of giving change to a panhandler on the street, a person can donate their change into these meters, which then goes directly to affiliated missions and homeless care and prevention programs. Motion recommends that Council instruct DOT to implement such a program in Downtown Los Angeles. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held December 12, 2012, the Transportation Committee discussed the proposal with DOT staff. Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's instruction for DOT to proceed with program implementation, as amended to evaluate the feasibility of using parking meters with swipe card technology for the receipt of donations.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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MEMBER	VOTE
ROSENDAHL:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
PARKS:	YES
LABONGE:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES