

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of a pilot program to allow private entities to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the public right-of-way.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. RECEIVE and FILE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report dated November 5, 2019, relative to allowing private entities to install EV vehicle charging stations in the public right-of-way.
2. DIRECT the LADOT to report in 60 days with a status update of the electric vehicle charging station installation pilot program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In the report to Council dated November 5, 2019, LADOT discusses a pilot program to allow private entities to install EV charging stations in the public right-of-way. LADOT reports that In February 2019, Council directed LADOT, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP), and the Bureaus of Engineering (BOE) and Street Services (BOSS) to create a pilot program to allow private entities to install EV charging stations in the public right-of-way, including rules and guidelines, a streamlined online application and permitting process, recommendations for locating new curbside charging stations, a new permit category for installing curbside charging, and the resources necessary to manage the program. Under existing regulations, private entities can only install publicly available chargers on private property. This results in charging facilities with limited access that do not provide equitable service for all EV car owners. Allowing private entities to install publicly available EV charger in the public right of way will increase access and better incentivize EV use and ownership.

LADOT goes on to report that a goal of the pilot program include a streamlined permitting process and online portal for private entities that want to install stations in the public right-of-way. The current permitting and approval process includes approvals from multiple departments and is complicated and cumbersome, resulting in a time intensive coordination effort for both applicants and city staff, which might limit interest from private companies. According to LADOT, the EV charging station pilot program requires coordination across multiple city departments involved in the permitting process. This project, a joint effort between LADOT and the Mayor's Office, requires additional resources and dedicated staff time to move forward.

Moving forward, LADOT will present the proposed permit process to the relevant city departments at the next EV Task Force meeting scheduled to be held November 21, 2019. LADOT will meet with companies interested in participating in the pilot to better ascertain their needs. Additionally, LADOT staff will identify siting criteria and initial analysis of feasible locations.

At its meeting held November 13, 2019, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with

LADOT staff. LADOT is working with the Mayor's Office, DWP, BOE, and BOSS to build the EV charging station pilot program. Curbside EV stations faces challenges such as overlapping departmental jurisdictions, a lack of clarity, and identifying a lead agency. Committee members mentioned the importance of signage to identify EV charging stations and integrating their location with navigation applications. Committee recommended that Council receive and file the LADOT report and to direct LADOT to report in 60 days with a status update of the pilot program.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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