

TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES' REPORT relative to streamlining the City's medical transportation permit requirements.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. AUTHORIZE the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:
 - a. Remove the fingerprint background check requirement for an applicant of a driver and attendant permit with a private ambulance company operating within the City of Los Angeles if the applicant already possesses a valid Emergency Medical Technician Certificate issued by the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
 - b. Make all determinations regarding public convenience and necessity for the addition of new motor vehicles for hire to the streets of Los Angeles without the need for the approval of the Board of Transportation Commissioners.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney to draft an ordinance amending Section 71.12 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to authorize the LADOT to determine whether public convenience and necessity has been established to add more vehicles to a permitted company's existing fleet, without the need for the approval of the Board of Transportation Commissioners.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that of the \$88.00 fee paid by the applicant, the LADOT retains only \$39.25 per payment because it must pay to obtain background check results from the Department of Justice. In Fiscal Year 2016-17, the LADOT fingerprinted 2,271 drivers and attendants for the 38 existing private ambulance companies. This resulted in \$86,865.00 in fees collected. From July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, the LADOT fingerprinted 919 new drivers and attendants for private ambulance companies, resulting in a net revenue of \$35,151.00. While the LADOT will generate less revenue related to these processes, the proposed change will reduce staff time for permitting functions allowing staff to expedite permit processing for other motor vehicle for hire drivers, such as taxicab drivers and other medical transportation drivers not affiliated with private ambulance companies.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated January 10, 2018, LADOT recommends changes to the permit requirements for private medical transportation drivers. The Department proposes to eliminate requirements for Board of Transportation Commissioners approval for public convenience and necessity, and fingerprint background checks for drivers. LADOT believes the proposed changes will streamline regulations and improve the interagency consistency internal administrative efficiency. Currently, regulation overlap exists between LADOT and the County of Los Angeles. The County issues permits for ambulance drivers, which includes background checks. Also, under current procedures, private medical transportation companies are required to obtain the approval of the Board of Transportation Commissioners to add additional vehicles to their fleets. LADOT believes it would simplify the process to allow companies to submit

information directly to LADOT for approval.

At its meeting held January 24, 2018, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve LADOT's proposed medical transportation permit requirement changes. At its meeting held May 9, 2018, the Public Safety Committee concurred with this action.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



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

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
O'FARREL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RYU:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT

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