

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to prohibiting the use of loudspeakers or public address systems on tour buses that have their roofs substantially structurally modified or removed.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Ryu - Rodriguez):

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance, based on the recently signed into law AB25 (Nazarian), which would prohibit the use of loudspeakers or public address systems on tour buses that have had their roofs substantially modified or removed, and instead require the use of headphones or similar devices by passengers for any information or presentation provided for the passengers.

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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 October 25, 2017, your Committee considered a Motion (Ryu - Rodriguez) relative to prohibiting the use of loudspeakers or public address systems on tour busses that have their roofs substantially structurally modified or removed. According to the Motion, on September 27, 2017, 2017 AB 25 (Nazarian) was signed into law which allows local jurisdictions to impose reasonable restrictions on tour buses regarding route restrictions and the use of public address systems. This legislation stemmed from the numerous complaints from residential neighborhoods about the noise emanating from sightseeing tour buses, especially those that are open air. The rise in the noise complaints has been attributed to public announcement systems from some of the tour bus companies. This concern has been expressed by many residents in the Hollywood area, as well as other neighborhoods in Los Angeles. As a specific example, the City has received reports that tour buses using megaphones stop in front of residential homes up to 100 times a day.

In 2015, Council introduced a Motion (Council File 15-1465; Ryu—Bonin) to require permits for public address systems on unenclosed tour buses as an interim measure to bring relief to besieged neighborhoods. AB 25 now allows the City to require headphone use, a move it should take. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES
MARTINEZ: YES
KORETZ: YES

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