

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to changing the speed limit of various streets in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated November 20, 2018 amending Section 80.81, Division P of Chapter VIII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to change the speed limit of various streets in the City of Los Angeles.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

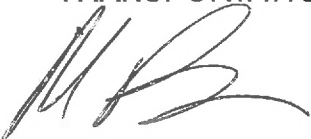
Accompanying a report to Council dated November 21, 2018, the City Attorney presents Ordinance changing the speed limit of various streets in the City of Los Angeles. According to the City Attorney, the Ordinance also makes typographical changes to the Ordinance adopted by Council on December 5, 2017.

At its special meeting held November 28, 2018, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. The Department representative stated that the Ordinance increases the speed limit on approximately 102 miles of City streets, and decreases the speed limit on approximately 12 miles of City streets. The proposed speed limit changes enables radar speed enforcement on all City streets. The Department believes that complete enforcement of higher speeds is preferable to no enforcement of lower posted speeds.

Committee members expressed frustration with the State law that results in ever-increasing posted speed limits on City streets. The law requires local municipalities to conduct regular traffic studies to determine the average speed of motorists and justify posted speed limits. Posted speed limits must be increased to match actual vehicle speed, otherwise local law enforcement cannot conduct radar enforcement. Department staff advised the Committee that a study is required to justify the decrease of a posted speed limit. The Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve the accompanying Ordinance.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE
BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: YES

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