

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the impact of taxicab regulatory changes due to the enactment of Assembly Bills (AB) 1069 and 939 (Low).

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report dated January 23, 2019 relative to the impact of taxicab regulatory changes due to the enactment of AB 1069 and 939 (Low).

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated January 23, 2019, LADOT discusses the impact of taxicab regulatory changes due to the enactment of AB 1069 and 939 (Low). According to the Department, prior to the enactment of this legislation, taxicabs were regulated by each of the cities or counties where they conducted business. In the Los Angeles region, this meant that taxi companies obtained individual permits in the Cities of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Long Beach, West Hollywood, Burbank, Pasadena, and any other city where they operated. Assemblymember Low introduced legislation to reduce fiscal and bureaucratic burden and create parity with transportation network companies.

LADOT goes on to report that under the new law, taxicabs only need to obtain permits from jurisdictions in which they are substantially located, rather than every jurisdiction in which they operate. The new law also permits any city or county to form a joint powers agreement with any other city or county, or enter into an agreement with a transit agency, to regulate taxicab companies within that city or county. Based upon this change, numerous cities in Los Angeles County are expected to enter into an agreement with LADOT to manage driver and vehicle permitting for their jurisdictions. LADOT expects the taxi fleet, regulated by the City of Los Angeles, to increase by at least 1,500 vehicles - an increase of approximately 63 percent. LADOT also expects that the current permitted driver fleet will nearly double once it begins permitting drivers that were previously licensed in other Los Angeles County jurisdictions. There have been numerous meetings with other cities throughout the region. LADOT has submitted a budget request for increased staffing.

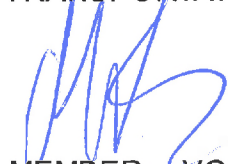
LADOT further reports that the Los Angeles Taxicab Franchise Ordinance expires December 31, 2019. The Department is conducting a study to review taxicab regulation and make recommendations to Council on regulations for 2020 and beyond. This study is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2019, and will include recommendations related to County-wide regulation, in light of the aforementioned State law changes.

At its meeting held January 23, 2019, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. The Department representative stated the new law allows taxi companies to pick up passengers in any regional jurisdiction for pre-arranged calls for service. LADOT is meeting with other cities to develop regulations and procedures for the region. It is anticipated that the

City will gain at least two new franchises currently located in Beverly Hills and West Hollywood. Committee recommended that Council receive and file the LADOT report.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: YES

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