

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to installing Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons at Slauson and South Verdun Avenues.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Parks – O'Farrell):

INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to install Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons as a pilot project at the crosswalk located at Slauson and South Verdun Avenues.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. 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 December 17, 2013, Council considered Motion (Parks – O'Farrell) relative to installing Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons at the crosswalk at Slauson and South Verdun Avenues. Motion states that LADOT is conducting Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons pilots to enhance pedestrian safety at intersections throughout the City. Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons are flashing lights that supplement warning signs at un-signalized intersections or mid- block crosswalks. These new devices have shown a high rate of motorist compliance when coupled with the installation of a crosswalk. According to Motion movers, the six lanes of traffic on Slauson Avenue between Crenshaw Boulevard and Angeles Vista Boulevard encourage drivers to speed and make crossing the street hazardous. This is an especially dangerous situation considering the intersection at South Verdun Avenue includes multifamily and single family residences, as well as a church on the southwest corner. Motion movers recommend that Council instruct the LADOT to install the beacons at this location. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held January 22, 2014, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's instruction.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
LABONGE:	ABSENT
PARKS:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES