

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to creating a pilot program to allow private entities to install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in the public right-of-way.

Recommendation for Council action:

DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report in 60 Days with rules and guidelines for a pilot program to allow private entities to install EV charging stations in the public right-of-way.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

## SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated February 20, 2020, LADOT provides a status update on the Department's efforts to create a pilot program to allow private entities to install EV charging stations in the public right-of-way. LADOT examined existing regulations and permitting processes, engaged with private sector providers of EV chargers, and developed a framework for a curbside EV charging permit.

LADOT recommends a pilot program that minimizes barriers to provider participation while ensuring the program aligns with goals set forth by LADOT, Council, and the Mayor. Meeting these goals and analyzing the outcomes is necessary to evaluate the pilot.

Priority goals include an increase in EV use (particularly in areas with low EV ownership), and a streamlined permit process for companies who want to install EV chargers on the curbside in the public right-of-way. The program will further goals from the Mayor's Sustainability Plan, including an increase in the percentage of zero emission vehicles in the City, and 10,000 publicly available EV chargers by 2022. LADOT will assess installation pricing models and evaluate EV charger utilization rates to improve or modify the program.

LADOT will establish a new permit for private operators to install charging facilities in the public right-of-way. This mirrors the BOE Revocable Permit (R-Permit), which grants conditional encroachment of the public right-of-way by private parties.

LADOT goes on to report that the Department will act as a case manager for permit applicants, streamlining the process and coordinating applications for permits from the Bureaus of Engineering and Street Services, and the Department of Water and Power. LADOT will provide applicants all necessary documents, forms, contacts, and other relevant information. LADOT staff will work with applicants to refine and adjust installation locations, communicate with other Departments to assess utility access, and then provide final review and issue a permit to begin construction. Turnaround time is estimated to take three months from application acceptance to notice to proceed.

The LADOT report is informational, recommending an additional report back in 60 days with rules and guidelines for a EV installation pilot program.

At its meeting held February 26, 2020, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. The Department representatives summarized the status report. Next, LADOT plans to report back with recommendations for a pilot program, fees, and required permits. During the public comment period, a representative of organized labor expressed support for the program, stating that it provides an opportunity for creating green jobs.

Transportation Committee members expressed support for the program, stating that there will be increasing demand for the EV charging stations. Committee suggested that LADOT's report back include guidelines for streamlining the permit approval process, and address options for incorporating a green jobs training program and requiring a project labor agreement for companies installing the EV charging stations. Committee recommended that Council approve LADOT's report recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER    VOTE

BONIN:      YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

KORETZ:    YES

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