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When a police officer from the Police Department's (LAPD) Harbor Area makes an arrest, they must transport the arrestee to 77th Street Regional Jail, over 15 miles away. This trip can take more than twenty minutes one way in little or no traffic, and far longer in heavy traffic. This means that an officer will be out of service for far longer in Harbor Area when an arrest is made than in other areas, closer to LAPD jails. This is a major concern for local residents, and the City should do something to address it.

One innovative idea for reducing the turnaround time for officers dropping off arrestees at 77th Street Regional Jail is for the LAPD to use FasTrak devices in their vehicles. Under current state law, LAPD vehicles cannot use the toll lane unless they are responding to an emergency. If they are not responding to an emergency, LAPD vehicles are subject to the same restrictions as every other vehicle, which require a transponder to use the toll lanes. These devices would enable LAPD officers to utilize the toll lanes on the 110 Freeway when dropping off arrestees and returning to the Harbor Area. Further, if an LAPD officer is transporting an arrestee, they may be able to set the FasTrak transponder to "2" or "3," and the LAPD avoid paying the toll.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department (LAPD) report on the feasibility of installing FasTrak transponders in vehicles used to transport arrestees from the Harbor Area to the 77th Street Regional Jail, as this would allow LAPD to utilize the toll lanes on the 110 Freeway, ensuring that officers are not out of service for an extended period of time while dropping off arrestees at the 77th Street Regional Jail.

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