JOINT PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES’ REPORT relative to an evaluation of the One-Year Dockless On-Demand Personal Mobility Pilot Program.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the updated Rules and Guidelines for a Dockless Permitting Program (Program); and, AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), to make technical changes, as needed.

2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance amending Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 71.29, and any other necessary Ordinances to create an annual permit program, including:
   a. Draft a Penalty Schedule.
   b. Draft a Revised Fee Schedule to include trip fees.

3. DIRECT the LADOT to report back in six months on the status of the Program.

4. DIRECT the LADOT to report back in 45 days with revised boundaries for Mobility Equity Zones (MEZs) and Mobility Disadvantaged Zones (MDZs) with emphasis on coherent neighborhood boundaries, socioeconomic barriers to mobility, need for access to high quality transit, and local community-based organization capacity and support in consultation with the local Council District Office.

5. DIRECT the LADOT to report back on the feasibility of implementing a minimum requirement of rides at reduced fares for low-income riders with a removal of the rate cap in MDZs.


7. DIRECT the LADOT to amend the Rules and Guidelines to:
   a. Delay the lock-to requirement and require the LADOT to report back before the implementation while investigating the tip-over detection technology.
   b. Add a requirement for dockless vehicle operators to implement the quarterly re-scanning of driver's licenses, or other forms of identification, used to verify that the mobile application (app) and vehicles are being used legally by a person 18 years of age or older.
   c. Require operators to provide information about nearby bicycle lanes in the app for navigation purposes, if and when the LADOT determines whether such information is held digitally and in a transferable format.
Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that there is no fiscal impact on the General Fund since this is a permit program, and all revenues will cover the cost of the Program.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a joint meeting held on August 5, 2020, the Public Works and Gang Reduction and Transportation Committees considered the LADOT report dated July 10, 2020 relative to an evaluation of the One-Year Dockless On-Demand Personal Mobility Pilot Program, and discussed the key elements of the updated Rules and Guidelines for an annual permit-based Program, geographic equity for the deployment of vehicles throughout the City, safety precautions and sanitation protocols, implementation of a lock-to requirement and other infrastructure requirements, assurances for legal use of the vehicles by persons 18 years of age or older, and mapping technology to identify bicycle lanes for navigation purposes.

The City Attorney is requested to prepare an Ordinance to amend LAMC Section 71.29, and any other necessary Ordinances to create an annual permit program that would include a penalty, a revised fee schedule to include trip fees, and an appeal process. The LADOT is directed to report back in six months regarding the status of the Program, report back in 45 days regarding the revised boundaries for MEZs and MDZs; and, report back on the feasibility of implementing a minimum requirement of rides at reduced fares for low-income riders with the removal of the rate cap in MDZs. The Committees recommended the extension of the current Pilot Program until December 31, 2020; and, to amend the Program’s Rules and Guidelines to delay the implementation of a lock-to requirement until authorized by the Council, with a report back by the LADOT prior to the implementation of said requirement while investigating the tip-over detection technology; add a requirement for dockless vehicle operators to implement the quarterly re-scanning of driver’s licenses or other forms of identification used to verify legal use of the app and vehicles by persons 18 years of age or older, and require operators to provide information regarding nearby bicycle lanes in the app for navigation purposes.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committees moved to approve as amended the recommendations contained in the LADOT report, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
BLUMENFIELD: YES
RYU: YES
BUSCAINO: YES
OFARRELL: YES
LEE: ABSENT
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER       VOTE
BONIN:        YES
BUSCAINO:     YES
KORETZ:       NO

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