

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to developing a pilot program to test dockless bike sharing in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the December 7, 2017 Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report relative to dockless bike share.
2. DIRECT the LADOT to report in 45 days with draft rules and regulations for a dockless bike share program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that a dockless pilot program will require resources for evaluation, permitting, and management. The financial impact will depend on the size of the pilot as well as other yet to be determined factors.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For if amended:
Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On December 13, 2017, your Committee considered a December 7, 2017 LADOT report relative to developing a pilot program to test dockless bike sharing in the City of Los Angeles. On October 3, 2017, a Motion (Ryu - Blumenfield) was introduced in regard to the development of a pilot program to test dockless bike sharing regulatory model. On December 7, 2017, the LADOT submitted a report in response to the Motion. According to the LADOT, in response to the rise of dockless bike sharing in the United States, the LADOT has begun researching this new mobility service. Dockless bike share is a new type of privately financed and operated bike sharing that provides fleets of bikes for public use at a per trip cost. Similar to new transportation technology services, the bikes are accessed via a mobile phone application (app).

In the case of dockless bike sharing, the bikes are different than the current Metro Bike Share system in that the bikes do not require a dock to be parked; rather the bikes can be left anywhere and are secured via a wheel locking mechanism that is unlocked via the app. Dockless bike share systems are in over 30 cities in the United States. To inform Council on a potential pilot, the LADOT has reviewed rules and guidelines for programs in both Seattle and Washington, DC, convened an industry roundtable with key stakeholders, and participated in national discussions with partner cities.

On December 6, 2017, Council authorized the LADOT to develop and enter into a contract with dockless bike share operators in Council District 15/Harbor District (Council File No. 17-1125-S1. A license agreement (Attachment A of the December 7, 2017 LADOT report) was developed to address liability and indemnification, while Council considers the policy framework for a pilot program. After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the December 7, 2017 LADOT report and detailed in the above recommendations. This matter

is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: ABSENT

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