

## MOTION

January 16 and February 19 reports broadcast on KCAL television in Los Angeles documented the underutilization and occasional misuse of a fleet of electric BMW vehicles obtained by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) as part of a \$10.2 million program to lease the vehicles and install charging infrastructure at LAPD facilities. According to the report the vehicles were intended to be used for administrative, non-emergency purposes.

KCAL's investigation looked at vehicle usage data for the BMWs and found that some of them rarely had been used. One car had traveled only 400 miles since it was obtained in May 2016. This amounts to a cost of more than \$15 per mile based on a monthly lease payment of \$418.

The station's investigators also trailed and video-recorded some of the vehicles as they were driven by LAPD personnel and found that they sometimes were used for personal errands and commuting to and from work, with both practices apparently considered out of policy and inconsistent with the original intended use of the vehicles for official business.

An LAPD report dated October 4, 2018, submitted in response to the 2018 Adopted Budget Recommendation 138 (CF 18-0600-S148), provided a basic overview on the vehicles and how the program was being handled from a technical standpoint, but it did not address questions regarding what the vehicles were being used for, or by whom, or whether, in the absence of a plan, or whether the City could feasibly use them in another manner.

While the addition of these electric vehicles to the LAPD fleet is consistent with the City's effort to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels and complements the use of such vehicles by other City departments, it is not clear that all of these LAPD BMWs are being appropriately used in a manner that contributes to meeting the City's air quality and climate-related goals.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the LAPD be instructed to report back to the City Council within 30 days on the fleet of BMW electric vehicles, the status of the infrastructure required to support them, the purposes for which they are being used and by whom, the department's plan for ensuring that these vehicles are used effectively for LAPD business and in a manner that maximizes the reduction of fleet emissions and consumption of fossil fuels during the conduct of LAPD business, the plan for LAPD's electric vehicle program going forward, and an assessment of the feasibility and practicality of allowing staff in other departments to utilize any of these vehicles not needed by LAPD.

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