

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to transit driver wage increases.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to amend the existing Transit Operating contracts with MV Transportation, Inc. (C-140036, C-140191, and C-140192) and MV Public Transportation, Inc. (C-134340 and C-134341) to increase the driver base rate, beginning March 1, 2024, to an amount up to \$24.15 per hour in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 and \$25.36 per hour in FY 2024-2025.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that there is no impact to the General Fund at this time. Transit operations are currently funded by the Proposition A Local Transit Assistance Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on April 3, 2024, your Transportation Committee considered a departmental report relative to transit driver wage increases. The LADOT Report states that in February 2023, Council directed the Department to report on the bus driver shortage and its effect on the City's contract transit services, including the number of bus operator vacancies per contract, any ongoing reduction in service that the public is experiencing, the estimated cost of any recommended contract driver wage increases, and the fiscal impact on Council-approved initiatives, as well as other efforts LADOT is taking to address the national bus driver shortage situation.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve an amended recommendation, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to City Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
RAMAN:	ABSENT
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES