

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to extending the term of the LAnow Pilot Micro On-Demand Transit Service Program for two years.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to extend the LAnow Pilot Micro On-Demand Transit Service Program for a two-year term from September 7, 2021, through September 8, 2023.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Funding for the LAnow program is included in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposition A Local Transit Assistance Transit Operations Fund No. 385, Account W431.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated June 8, 2021, LADOT states the LAnow Pilot Micro On-Demand Transit Service Program was paused on March 30, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. LADOT is prepared to restore all transit services to pre-pandemic levels starting in August, 2021, and recommends a two-year extension of the program term to September 8, 2023.

LADOT reports that prior to the pandemic, LAnow microtransit provided service to the Mar Vista, Venice, Del Rey, and Palms areas operating Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. with six 23-foot cut-away ADA accessible vehicles during peak hours (6 a.m. – 9 a.m., 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.) and four vehicles during off-peak hours (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.). Riders booked trips using a mobile application, website, or call center, and were then picked up and dropped off at virtual pick-up/drop-off locations. LADOT provided over 600 virtual pick-up/drop-off locations throughout the service area, ensuring riders did not walk more than a quarter-mile for pick-up.

The proposed extension of the pilot will afford LADOT time to study post-pandemic travel patterns, grow ridership, and evaluate key performance indicators that will shape recommendations for a permanent microtransit program.

At its meeting held June 1, 2021, the Transportation Committee praised the program and expressed enthusiasm for its reinstatement. Councilmember Bonin instructed LADOT to work with the Council Offices to promote the program's re-start. Councilmember Koretz encouraged the Department to increase ridership in the Palms community. Support for the program was expressed during the public comment period by members of the community. The Transportation Committee recommended that Council authorize LADOT to extend the pilot program term by two years.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT

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Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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