

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the transition plan to resume parking enforcement for previously suspended parking infractions and proposed economic relief measures for parking fines.

Recommendation for Council action:

DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

- a. Beginning October 1, 2020, to resume parking enforcement and impounds, when applicable, for street cleaning, abandoned vehicles, oversize and overnight restrictions, peak hour and anti-gridlock zones, and expired registration.
- b. Beginning October 15, 2020, to resume enforcement of expired preferential parking district permits.
- c. Suspend imposing new citation late penalties until October 22, 2020.
- d. Delay the proposed January 20, 2021 date for resuming impounds for oversize vehicles that violate the Oversize Vehicle Ordinance (OVO), and report in 30 to 60 days with a next step plan.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that parking citation revenue is deposited into the General Fund. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20, prior to the Declaration of Local Emergency, the LADOT projected parking citation revenue to reach approximately \$135 million annually or an average of \$11.25 million per month. For FY 2020-21, assuming current conditions remain the same with reduced parking enforcement and officers are deployed similarly for the remainder of the FY, parking citation revenue is estimated to be between \$55 million and \$60 million, or \$4.5 million to \$5 million per month. Compared to the FY 2020-21 City Budget, the estimates for the current year are up to approximately \$85.5 million below budget, which is approximately 62 percent below budget. Delayed normal parking enforcement is one of the main drivers for the \$6 million revenue loss each month. The revenue may continue to drop with work output impacts related to the recently approved employee Separation Incentive Program, upcoming furloughs, unfilled vacancies, and other factors associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. The new citation amnesty programs combined could be revenue generating or neutral as the citation payments would otherwise be difficult to collect. Assuming the early payment program extends to the end of the FY, it is estimated to result in a revenue loss of approximately \$1 million to \$2 million.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on September 21, 2020, the Committee considered the LADOT report dated September 17, 2020 relative to a proposed transition plan to resume parking infractions that were suspended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and proposed economic relief measures for parking fines. The LADOT proposes to resume parking enforcement and impounds for street cleaning, abandoned vehicles, oversize and overnight restrictions, peak hour and anti-gridlock zones, and expired registration beginning October 1,

2020; resume enforcement of expired preferential parking district (PPD) permits beginning October 15, 2020; suspend imposing new citation late penalties until October 22, 2020; and resume scofflaw enforcement and impounds beginning January 1, 2021. The Committee and LADOT discussed the existing LADOT programs, proposed economic relief measures, and an outreach campaign and efforts to notify the general public of such programs. Existing LADOT programs include a Community Assistance Parking Program that would allow individuals experiencing homelessness to pay for parking citations through volunteer community service or enrollment in a homeless service program, low income payment plans wherein the City may waive all late fees for eligible motorists and allow up to 18 months to pay off base citation fines, providing accommodations for accessible adjudication hearings by mail, telephone, and video conferencing; allowing motorists 21 days, until October 21, 2020, to pay for citations to avoid late penalties. The LADOT is also working on new economic relief programs which include a citation amnesty program that would grant a one-time opportunity to pay the base citation amount for citations over three years old and have all late fees waived to clear State of California (State) Department of Motor Vehicles holds, tax intercept, and/or tow orders; and an unemployment citation amnesty program which would assist individuals that lost employment during the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing them to pay the base citation amount over a period of time and have the late fees waived upon providing proof of an unemployment check issued by the State Employment Development Department. The Committee also discussed scofflaw enforcement, and approved Councilmember Koretz' motion to excise the recommendation in the subject LADOT report to resume scofflaw enforcement and impounds beginning January 1, 2021, to be considered at a later date; and, direct the LADOT to report back in 30 to 60 days on a next step plan to resume scofflaw enforcement and impounds for oversize vehicles that violate the OVO.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BONIN:	NO
BUSCAINO:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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