

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to modernizing Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) Preferential Parking District (PPD) procedures.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Bonin – Blumenfield):

INSTRUCT the LADOT to report in 30 days relative to the Department's PPD division return to normal operations, the use of a virtual PPD petition option, and the status of efforts to modernize program procedures.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On January 26, 2021, Council considered Motion (Bonin – Blumenfield) relative to modernizing LADOT PPD procedures. Motion states LADOT's PPD unit has resumed processing applications for new and expanded PPDs that were submitted prior to March 19, 2020. However, the Department's moratorium on new PPD petitions remains in effect due to the lack of a safe way to digitally distribute and collect petition signatures. The gradual reopening of businesses, returning traffic volumes, and ongoing development activity has triggered resident demand for new PPDs. Motion movers believe that LADOT must develop procedures to respond to this demand and to safely resume the PPD program.

Motion movers go on to recommend that LADOT should digitize and modernize the PPD program for easier access by residents as well as to improve staff administration. Creating a virtual petition would streamline circulation and signature verification, and save City staff time. And, a public-facing tracking system would reduce the need for correspondence to update residents on the status of their applications. Council referred Motion to the Ad Hoc Committee on Covid-19 Recovery and Neighborhood Investment. Subsequently, the referral was changed to the Transportation Committee.

At its meeting held April 20, 2021, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. The Department representative stated accurate residential address data is needed to proceed. Addresses provided by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power are only 80 percent complete inasmuch as many apartment units share utility meters and are not listed as separate units. An effort is underway to create an automated tracking program for new PPDs. The Department plans to retain a consultant to help modernize the program. It is anticipated that the program will be digitized during calendar year 2022. Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation.

MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

KORETZ: YES

BUSCAINO: YES

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Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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