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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: Against unless Amended

Impact Information

Date: 12/08/2021

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

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Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement against unless amended of CF 21-0979: Automated Public Toilets (APTs) / Mobile Pit Stops / Coordinated Street Furniture Program / Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program / Homeless Crisis. Please see our attached letter.

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**Re: Community Impact Statement on CF 21-0979: Automated Public Toilets (APTs) /
Mobile Pit Stops / Coordinated Street Furniture Program / Sidewalk and Transit Amenities
Program / Homeless Crisis**

To Whom It May Concern:

At our special public meeting on December 6, 2021, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council submits this Community Impact Statement **against unless amended** of CF 21-0979: Automated Public Toilets (APTs) / Mobile Pit Stops / Coordinated Street Furniture Program / Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program / Homeless Crisis.

At our October 12, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, DLANC submitted a CIS in support of CF 21-0979 on the basis of supporting Councilmember Kevin De León's original September 1st motion calling for a report-back to the council calling for the continued presence of Sidewalk Transit Amenities Program (STAP) features, such as automated public toilets (APT), in the city.

However, after the most recent report from the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) submitted to Council on November 3, 2021 we are concerned regarding the findings stated by StreetsLA.

As the City transitions to a new contract for the STAP, it is essential that there are no disruptions or removal of vital infrastructure such as the APTs in Downtown. These units offer crucial services by providing hygiene services to all members of the public - particularly, our unhoused community who lack safe and clean access to hygiene services. As fixed and permanent fixtures on the public right-of-way, these units provide a consistent benefit to the public that are lacking with more mobile or temporary units such as porta-potties: which have been susceptible to considerate vandalism and have suffered from lack of maintenance by third-party contracted vendors.

To reduce or jeopardize this invaluable service to a city that already lacks and suffers from issues related to a lack of public street furniture and public restroom infrastructure will cause significant disruption to those who rely on and use this infrastructure the most.

The City and StreetsLA should look at opportunities to potentially extend portions of the STAP contract to OUTFRONT Media JC Decaux, LLC (OFMJCD) to operate and maintain crucial infrastructure under the STAP program, such as the ATP's, until a viable permanent replacement can be acquired and established.

Should no interim alternative be found, StreetsLA should avoid the implementation of chemical toilets and any porta-potty type units that are susceptible to vandalism and abandonment, but rather large portable restroom units that have access to power, sewage, and water as outlined in the report. We support StreetsLA's recommendation on using organizations like Urban Alchemy to staff and maintain existing Mobile Pit Stop services at these locations. It is vital that no matter what solution or unit is adopted by the City, all units be adequately staffed and maintained by hygiene attendants.

Lastly, we support calls from StreetsLA that specify the need for additional funding and resources to be allocated for the long-term development of ATP's and transit-related street furniture in our city. It is important that future units are economical and are easily maintainable, but do not sacrifice the need for integration with smart technology features, and important auxiliary amenities such as water fountains and bottle filling stations, hand washing sinks, and easy integration for additional amenities for the community and transit users.

Sincerely,



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DLANC



Debby Zhou,
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DLANC Livability Committee

CC: Council District 14 (via email)