

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)-Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) bus lane enforcement partnership.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Bonin – Krekorian – De Leon):

DIRECT the LADOT to report in regard to the Metro-LADOT bus lane enforcement partnership to include:

- a. An expected timeline for implementation, including a warning period at the start of the program.
- b. A communications plan letting the public know about upcoming enforcement.
- c. Any legislative actions by Council needed to locally authorize the program.
- d. Any staffing and budget needed to implement the program.
- e. Engagement with municipal operators to assess the feasibility of their participation in the program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 2, 2021, your Committee considered a Motion (Bonin – Krekorian – De Leon) relative to proposed a Metro-LADOT bus lane enforcement partnership. According to the Motion, in 2019, the City and Metro launched a collaborative effort to implement bus speed and reliability improvements in support of the NextGen Bus Plan, which promises fast, frequent, and reliable service for Metro riders throughout Los Angeles. Most notably, the effort has resulted in new bus lanes on Flower Street, 5th Street, 6th Street, and Alvarado Street, with additional lanes planned on Grand Avenue, Olive Street, and La Brea Avenue. This rapid deployment of new bus priority infrastructure must be supported by effective enforcement to keep these lanes clear for exclusive use by buses during designated hours.

The Governor has signed AB917 (Bloom), which authorizes an innovative partnership between Metro and the City to use automated cameras to enforce parking violations in bus lanes. Cameras mounted on Metro's buses will be able to record violations, with citations to be issued after confirmation by LADOT parking enforcement. This new approach to enforcement is expected to greatly reduce the incidence of vehicles

illegally parked in bus lanes, which is a significant source of delay to buses during peak hours. The LADOT should work with Metro to implement the new program as quickly as possible. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, detailed above. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee



COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES

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