

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to increasing fees for the Emergency Ambulance Service Program Advanced Life Support (ALS), Basic Life Support (BLS), and mileage rates.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CONCUR with the recommendation of the Public Safety Committee relative to increasing fees for the Emergency Ambulance Service Program ALS, BLS, and mileage rates.
2. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the City Attorney to report to the Public Safety and Budget and Finance Committees on options to achieve a greater degree of cost recovery for emergency ambulance services.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LAFD reports increasing the ALS and BLS rates and the one-way mileage rate will generate an additional \$230,000 in revenue for the remaining quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-15, or \$1.7 million additional annual revenue.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting of February 2, 2015, the Budget and Finance Committee considered a LAFD report requesting the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to increase the Department's ALS, BLS, and Emergency Ambulance Service mileage rate. LAFD reports the annual cost of the Emergency Ambulance Service Program amounts to \$237 million based on the Fiscal Year 2014-15 average salaries for field platoon duty personnel and the approved Cost Allocation Plan 35 rates. In order to cover the cost of the Emergency Medical Service Program, the ALS and BLS fees must be increased to \$1,452 and \$1,030, respectively. This calculation was based on an average of 174,376 billable transports.

During Committee consideration, representatives of LAFD and CAO provided an overview of the request to increase fees for the Emergency Ambulance Service Program and responded to related questions from Committee members. After further discussion and having offered an opportunity for public comment, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended that Council approve LAFD's request. Additionally, the Committee recommended to instruct the LAFD, CAO and City Attorney to report back to the Public Safety and Budget and Finance Committees on options to achieve a greater degree of cost recovery for emergency ambulance services. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

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