

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the regulation of tour bus operations pursuant to Ordinance No. 187078.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, attached to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report dated September 22, 2023, attached to the Council file, making it unlawful to:
 - a. Stop or park a Tour Bus on the following street segments that the LADOT has determined unsafe for Tour Bus stopping or parking, has verified that there is a significant number of tour buses using those streets, and where existing parking prohibitions have not yielded the desired levels of compliance:
 - i. Outpost Drive between Franklin Avenue and Mulholland Drive
 - ii. Outpost Cove Drive between Outpost Drive and the dead-end west of Carmen Crest Drive
 - iii. Mulholland Drive between Cahuenga Boulevard West and Woodrow Wilson Drive (east of Multiview Drive)
 - iv. Mulholland Drive between Floye Drive and Dona Pegita Drive
 - v. Torreyson Drive between Mulholland Drive and Torreyson Place
 - vi. Torreyson Place between Torreyson Drive and the dead-end south of Torreyson Drive
 - vii. Senalda Road between Outpost Drive and Castilian Drive
 - viii. Mapleton Drive between Sunset Boulevard and Club View Drive
 - ix. Charing Cross Road between Sunset Boulevard and Beverly Glen Boulevard
 - x. Wyton Drive between Mapleton Avenue and Beverly Glen Boulevard
 - xi. Orange Grove Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and Hollywood Boulevard
 - b. Operate a Tour Bus on the following street segments that the LADOT has determined unsafe for Tour Bus operation and has verified that there is a significant number of Tour Buses using those streets:

- i. Outpost Drive between Franklin Avenue and Mulholland Drive
- ii. Outpost Cove Drive between Outpost Drive and the dead-end west of Carmen Crest Drive
- iii. Torreyson Drive between Mulholland Drive and Torreyson Place
- iv. Torreyson Place between Torreyson Drive and the dead-end south of Torreyson Drive
- v. Senalda Road between Outpost Drive and Castilian Drive
- vi. Mapleton Drive between Sunset Boulevard and Club View Drive
- vii. Charing Cross Road between Sunset Boulevard and Beverly Glen Boulevard
- viii. Wyton Drive between Mapleton Avenue and Beverly Glen Boulevard
- ix. Orange Grove Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and Hollywood Boulevard

2. DIRECT the LADOT to:

- a. Install the required signs for the locations above to inform Tour Bus operators of the tour bus restrictions in effect.
- b. Provide a map on the LADOT Website or NavigateLA system identifying where Tour Buses are restricted before posting any "No Tour Bus" restrictions.
- c. Provide a 90-day notification of the street segments approved for Tour Bus restrictions in the Resolution, attached the Council file, to the Tour Bus companies known by the LADOT to use those streets.

3. DIRECT the LADOT and the Los Angeles Police Department to:

- a. Issue warnings in lieu of citations for 30 days following the installation of Tour Bus restrictions signs by the LADOT.
- b. Report to the Council within six months after the full installation of regulatory signage associated with the September 22, 2023 LADOT report, attached to the Council file, in regard to citations, observed tour bus volume, and behavior since implementation, as well as remaining street segments that should be assessed or reassessed for tour bus regulations.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that there is no financial impact at this time.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 4, 2023, your Committee considered a September 22, 2023 LADOT report relative to the regulation of tour bus operations pursuant to Ordinance No. 187078. According to the LADOT, under California Vehicle Code Section 21118.(a), "a local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution to restrict the routes or streets upon which a tour bus described in subdivision (b) of Section 612 may be operated if the local authority determines it is unsafe to operate those vehicles on those routes or streets." California Vehicle Code Section 612.(a) defines a "tour bus" as "a bus, which is operated by or for a charter-party carrier of passengers, as defined in Section 5360 of the Public Utilities Code, or a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code". Section 612.(b) goes on to specify that 11a tour bus includes a bus described in subdivision (a) that has had its roof substantially structurally modified or removed."

Council approved ordinance No. 187, 078, amending the LAMC Section 80.36.11, and it became effective on April 15, 2020. LAMC Section 80.36.11 makes it unlawful for a tour bus to operate or travel on a City street, a segment of a street, or a route that the LADOT has determined is unsafe for a tour bus to operate or travel on, either at any time or for certain hours of the day. LAMC Section 80.36.11.(d).(1) reads that "stopping, standing, or parking of a tour bus on a street determined to be unsafe for the operation of a tour bus" is a civil penalty and is enforceable by either LAPD or LADOT.

LAMC Section 80.36.11.(c).(1) specifies that the "traveling of a tour bus on a street determined to be unsafe for the operation of a tour bus" is a criminal penalty for LAPD enforcement purposes. As these offenses are all justified based on public safety, including the safety of the passengers of the Tour Buses, there is a step increase for subsequent violations of 100 percent within the same 12-month period, up to the third offense.

Due to the nature of this offense, where the tour bus driver may be following directions from their employer, the penalties shall be assessed to the Operator of the Tour Bus company. Although the ordinance creating LAMC Section 80.36.11 became effective on April 15, 2020, and shortly after the LADOT received requests for Tour Bus restrictions on specified street segments, LADOT postponed collecting the Tour Bus data when the COVID pandemic reduced or curtailed most tour bus operations. In order to identify the streets with the greatest volume of tour buses and related safety risks, the LADOT began collecting data in 2022 when the pandemic-related business restrictions allowed tour bus operations to resume. Based on this data, the LADOT has identified streets with substantial tour bus volume and established rules, policies, and procedures to identify streets, street segments, or routes that, for safety reasons, shall be restricted or limited from use by a tour bus operator. No prohibition shall be effective on a street, street segment, or route until the City Council, by Resolution, has approved the prohibition and

until the LADOT has installed signs providing notice of such Tour Bus restrictions. To allow for proper education on these new rules, LADOT recommends a 30-day warning period after signs are posted. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the LADOT report, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	NO
RAMAN:	ABSENT
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES

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