

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to creating a Citywide program that would restrict oversized vehicle dwelling in residential areas, commercial corridors and other sensitive uses, while designating streets where oversized vehicle dwellings can park. Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Park – Krekorian et al.):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the City Attorney, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of City Planning, and other relevant Departments, to report with recommendations for a Citywide program that would restrict oversized vehicle dwelling in residential areas, commercial corridors and other sensitive uses, while designating streets where oversized vehicle dwellings can park with access to services, including housing navigation, portable restroom facilities, automotive repair and septic tank waste disposal with Departments to report back on the feasibility of the following:

- a. Locations in each Council District where oversized vehicle dwellings can park on the public right-of-way, outside of residential areas, commercial corridors and other sensitive uses.
- b. A permit requirement, free of charge, to participate in the program.
- c. Provision of shower and restroom services, similar to the City's Mobile Pit Stop/Shower Stop program.
- d. Regular sanitation services, including waste disposal and trash collection.
- e. Provision of wrap-around services and safety.
- f. Changes to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) that may be required to implement said Program, including but not limited to LAMC Section 80.69.4 - Parking of Oversized Vehicles.
- g. Defining the criteria for residential areas.
- h. Recommended measures to ensure that such a program would not head to disproportionate impact on certain Council Districts or underserved communities, and mitigate any unintended consequences.
- i. Conducting an analysis of cost estimates for the proposed program.
- j. Identifying potential revenue sources to fund the proposed services to address existing public health challenges and support Recreational Vehicle residents in transitioning to permanent housing.

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:

Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Neighborhood Council
North Hollywood Northeast Neighborhood Council
North Hollywood West Neighborhood Council
Pico Union Neighborhood Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council

(Also referred to the Housing and Homelessness Committee)

Summary:

On July 31, 2024, your Committee considered a Motion (Park – Krekorian et al.) relative to creating a Citywide program that would restrict oversize vehicle dwelling in residential areas, commercial corridors and other sensitive uses, while designating streets where oversize vehicle dwellings can park. According to the Motion, the 2023 point-in-time count from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority revealed that 14,096 individuals are experiencing homelessness in their vehicles in Los Angeles County, representing a 9.5 percent increase over 2022. Oversized vehicles, specifically recreational vehicles, are the most visible manifestation of this crisis, creating a host of challenges along the residential and commercial corridors where they park, in addition to creating severe habitability issues for the vehicle occupants.

In spite of these steps, numerous obstacles have been encountered: space management challenges at Official Police Garages, which provide contractual services for vehicle towing and storage across our City; a zoning code that restricts where salvaged vehicles can be stored; lack of safe parking lots with water and power connections and proper turn radiuses; and a sense among oversized vehicle dwellers that they don't consider themselves to be homeless. Recognizing these challenges, the City has explored ways to mitigate these impacts, going back decades. These efforts include restrictions on oversize vehicle parking during certain hours (Council File No. 13-0793); the feasibility of creating a permitting system (Council File No. 14-1057-S6); exploring the approach of other cities relative to oversize vehicle parking (Council File No. 17-0956); assessing the feasibility and cost of waste pumping services (Council File No. 15-1138-S27); enforcing against van-lords, who prey on the vulnerability of unhoused individuals (Council File No. 23-0529); implementing rehousing pilot programs (Council File No. 22-1324); and, in 2023, adopting a Citywide framework to rehouse individuals who are experiencing homelessness in their RVs (Council File No. 22-1313). After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERMANDEZ:	YES
DE LEON:	YES
RAMAN:	ABSENT

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