

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to updating the guidelines for signal phasing and timing.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the August 17, 2026 Los Angeles Department of Transportation report.
2. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report to Council in 90 days with updated guidelines for signal operations, leading pedestrian intervals, scramble crosswalks, and No Turn On Red restrictions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LADOT reports that there is no impact to the General Fund since the August 17, 2026 LADOT report is informational.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For:
North Westwood Neighborhood Council

Against, unless amended:
Studio City Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On October 21, 2026, your Committee considered an August 17, 2026 LADOT report relative to updating the guidelines for signal phasing and timing. According to the LADOT, it is responsible for the design, implementation, operations, and maintenance of traffic signals, which are a core component of the City's transportation system. The LADOT currently operates and maintains 4,923 traffic signals (inclusive of Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons) throughout the City. Traffic signals themselves are tools to improve safety through the orderly assignment of right-of-way for all users at the intersections where they are in place, and that can offer opportunities for additional pedestrian safety benefits, subject to specific operational characteristics and features. These include signal timing, phasing, actuation, and the allowance or prohibition of specific movements.

The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) establishes standards, recommendations, and guidance for the design and operation of traffic control devices that local agencies in California, including the City of Los Angeles, must adhere to. Where the CA MUTCD allows flexibility, local agencies can develop their own standards, recommendations, and guidance.

Representatives from the LADOT gave an overview of current guidelines for signal phasing and timing, then presented an overview of the steps needed to revise guidelines so as to improve pedestrian safety and answered questions from the Councilmembers.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to note and file the LADOT report. Also, the Committee moved to recommend instructing the LADOT to report to Council as detailed above in Recommendation No. 2. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	ABSENT
PADILLA:	YES
PARK:	YES
NAZARIAN:	ABSENT

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