

Communication from Public

Name: Westside Regional Alliance of Councils
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see the attached letter from the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC); WRAC opposes the use of revenues from the Bus Lane Violation Pilot Program for purposes other than those related to public transit. Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair, WRAC



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Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council
Brentwood Community Council
Del Rey Neighborhood Council
Mar Vista Community Council
Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa
North Westwood Neighborhood Council
Pacific Palisades Community Council

Palms Neighborhood Council
South Robertson Neighborhoods Council
Venice Neighborhood Council
West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council
Westside Neighborhood Council
Westwood Community Council
Westwood Neighborhood Council

July 28, 2025

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President, LA City Council; Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD 11; Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Councilwoman, CD 5; Hon. Nithya Raman, Councilmember, CD 4; Hon. Heather Hutt, Councilwoman, CD 10; Matt Szabo, City Administrative Officer (CAO); Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager, City Dept. of Transportation (LADOT)

Via email to all addressees and submission to the City Clerk's comment filing portal

Re: **CF 24-1151 and 21-1224 – Oppose Allocation of Revenues From the Bus Lane Violation Pilot Program That Are Not Specifically Related to Public Transit**

Dear Mayor Bass, City Councilmembers, CAO Szabo and LADOT GM Rubio-Cornejo:

As most of you know, the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) is a cooperative coalition, founded in 2009, of all fourteen neighborhood and community councils in CDs 5 and 11 and parts of CDS 10 and 4 in Los Angeles. WRAC collectively represents over 500,000 Angelenos.

Our member councils are concerned that revenues from the Bus Lane Violation Pilot Program (Pilot Program) may be used for purposes other than those *specifically related to public transit*, for example, “transportation improvements and temporary staffing” related to the 2028 Olympics – in particular when funding to Metro through a THUD (Transportation, Housing & Urban Development) bill is expected for use at the Games.

As a result, a majority (8) of WRAC member councils have passed the following motion:

“The Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC), opposes the allocation of revenues from the Bus Lane Violation Enforcement Pilot Program to items that are not specifically related to public transit. We therefore oppose using these funds for ‘Transportation improvements and temporary staffing related to the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic games.’ A \$200 million federal grant is already in the works to help with the proposed use of public buses at the 2028 Games. Council Files: 24-1151 and 21-1224.”

The following WRAC member councils have passed the above motion: Bel Air-Beverly Crest NC, Brentwood CC, NC Westchester-Playa del Rey, Venice NC, West LA-Sawtelle NC, Westside NC, Westwood CC, Westwood NC. No member council has advised that it opposes the above WRAC motion.

Accordingly, we urge all officials who are responsible for allocation of revenues from the Pilot Program to ensure that such revenues are used only for items specifically related to public transit – not for improvements or staffing related to the 2028 Olympics. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robin Greenberg and Christina Spitz

Robin Greenberg, Chair, and Christina Spitz, Vice-Chair
Westside Regional Alliance Councils