

**MOTION**

I MOVE that the matter of the TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to Tour Bus operations in the Pacific Palisades fire recovery area, ITEM 33 on today's Council agenda (CF 25-0006-S80), BE AMENDED, to revise the boundaries of the Pacific Palisades Wildfire map identified in the Department of Transportation report dated July 11, 2025, and adopt the attached substitute Resolution.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TRACI PARK

Councilmember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION**  
**TOUR BUS RESTRICTIONS DURING EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR**  
**PALISADE WILDFIRE**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.36.11 states that the City Council, by Resolution, may approve a determination by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) identifying specific City streets, segments of a street, or route, which are unsafe for a Tour Bus to operate or travel on, either at any time or for certain hours of the day and direct LADOT to install signs providing notice of such Tour Bus restrictions; and

WHEREAS, LAMC Section 80.36.11(b)(2) defines “Tour Bus” as a privately-owned bus or passenger vehicle for hire, which is operated by or for a charter-party carrier of passengers or a passenger state corporation, as set forth in California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 612(a), and as defined in California Public Utilities Code (CPUC) Sections 226 and 5359(b); and as set forth in CPUC Section 612(b), includes a bus that has had its roof substantially structurally modified or removed; and

WHEREAS, LAMC Section 80.36.11(b)(2) specifies that a Tour Bus includes any for-hire vehicle that is used primarily for the conveyance of passengers over public streets for the purpose of visiting or viewing places of interest; and

WHEREAS, LAMC Section 80.36.11(a) states that the LADOT shall establish rules, policies, and procedures to identify streets, street segments, or routes which, for safety reasons, shall be restricted or limited from the use by a Tour Bus; and

WHEREAS, the LADOT “Tour Bus Prohibition Guidelines” specify that Tour Bus operation may be prohibited for one or more continuous street segments once the LADOT has received a request in writing from either the affected Council Office, Neighborhood Council, Police Department, or an affected school, requesting that Tour Bus operations be prohibited, because one or more street segments are unsafe for tour buses to operate on, and then only after LADOT verifies that one of more of the qualifying conditions established by the LADOT exist, and after a Council Resolution has directed LADOT to install the signs; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2025, the City Council approved a motion introduced by the Eleventh Council District directing LADOT to provide a map of the area impacted by the January 7, 2025 wildfires where tour bus operations will be restricted for the duration of the associated emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, the LADOT “Tour Bus Prohibition Guidelines” typically require both a safety issue to exist and a minimum tour bus volume to be required, and the safety issue needs to be specific to tour bus operations on each street segment evaluated; and

WHEREAS, LAMC Section 80.36.11.(a) states that the LADOT shall establish rules, policies, and procedures to identify streets, street segments, or routes which, for safety reasons,

shall be restricted or limited from the use by a Tour Bus; and LADOT recommends that emergency declarations are conditions where the volume of tour buses should not be considered; and

**WHEREAS, LADOT shall create a boundary map of the Palisades Wildfire area located in Council District 11 to restrict tour buses from operating for the duration of the emergency declaration within the following boundaries:**

- **The ridgeline of the Santa Monica Mountains;**
- **The westerly City of Los Angeles city boundary (near Coastline Drive and Pacific Coast Highway);**
- **Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) south and east of the City of Los Angeles city boundary with Malibu to the City of Los Angeles city boundary with the City of Santa Monica;**
- **The City of Los Angeles boundary with the City of Santa Monica between Pacific Coast Highway and Allenford Avenue;**
- **Allenford Avenue between the southerly city boundary near Pontoon Pl and Sunset Boulevard;**
- **Mandeville Canyon Road north of Sunset Boulevard; and**

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2025, Councilmember Tracy Park, 11th Council District, via CF 25-0006-S80, requested LADOT to revise its guidelines, rules, and procedures during emergency declarations and to provide a map of the Palisades area where LADOT recommends tour bus restrictions for the durations of the emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, LADOT is also directed within 120 days to report on streets where permanent tour bus restrictions should be considered; and

WHEREAS, LADOT has reviewed the area of the Palisades Wildfire, provided a map of the proposed Tour Bus restriction, and recommended the restriction of tour bus operations to preserve public safety in an area within a declared emergency while construction activities to repair roadways, stabilize hillside slopes, repair utilities, reconstruct homes, and rebuild businesses which often, narrow, winding roads; and

WHEREAS, the satisfaction of the criteria listed above indicates potential roadway safety issues for both tour buses, their passengers, and other roadway users; and

WHEREAS, LADOT recommends that the City Council determine it is unsafe for the operation of a tour bus for the duration of the emergency declaration in the map area provided by LADOT; and

WHEREAS, LADOT identified that Pacific Coast Highway is under the jurisdiction of the State of California subject to Caltrans guidelines, rules, regulations, and permits; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, LADOT be directed to post signs prohibiting Tour Buses on roadway under their jurisdiction from operating within the area bounded by the provided map and listed above and from parking, stopping, or standing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this Resolution, LADOT be directed to request Caltrans to consider the prohibition of Tour Buses on State Route 1, Pacific Coast Highway, north of the City of Santa Monica.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the end of the emergency declaration, LADOT remove signs prohibiting Tour Buses from operating unless a separate resolution identify specific street segments is adopted by Council meeting LADOT rules regarding safety and minimum tour bus volumes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LADOT be directed to provide a map on the LADOT Website or NavigateLA system identifying the street segments where tour buses are restricted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LADOT be authorized to make technical corrections or clarifications to the above instructions to effectuate this Resolution's intent.