

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to ongoing National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) investigations involving Waymo.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Jurado – Harris-Dawson, Hernandez):

1. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in coordination with the City Attorney, to report to Council on the status, scope, and key issues under review in the ongoing NTSB and the NHTSA investigations involving Waymo. This report should include, but is not limited to, preliminary findings, safety and enforcement recommendations; and identify any potential implications for the City's policy, regulatory authority, and oversight of autonomous vehicle operations within Los Angeles.
2. REQUEST the City Attorney, in collaboration with the City Controller and City Clerk, to report on the City's financial liability related to autonomous vehicle-related litigation. The report should include, but is not limited to:
 - a. The total amount of funds allocated or expended for claims, settlements, judgments, and litigation costs.
 - b. The number and nature of pending or resolved claims involving autonomous vehicles.
 - c. Any anticipated or contingent liabilities associated with autonomous vehicle operations with the City.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 25, 2026, your Transportation Committee considered a February 3, 2026 Motion (Jurado – Harris-Dawson, Hernandez) relative to ongoing NTSB and the NHTSA investigations involving Waymo. According to the Motion, on January 23, 2026, a Waymo-operated autonomous vehicle struck a child pedestrian walking to his elementary school in Santa Monica. That same day, the NTSB opened an investigation following reports of a separate incident wherein Waymo robotaxis illegally passed stopped school buses in Austin, Texas. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion recommendations as amended by Council District Ten. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

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

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