

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authority to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for vehicle storage at 550 Ramirez Street, CA 90026 for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Motor Transport Division (MTD).

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Department of General Services (GSD) to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Caltrans for the use of property for LAPD vehicle storage at 550 Ramirez Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 under the terms and conditions as substantially outlined in the February 3, 2026 Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) report, attached to the Council File.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The MFC reports that there is no anticipated General Fund impact. Based on the projections provided by GSD, there is sufficient savings within the Citywide Leasing Account to fund the leasing costs. Also, funding for the lease is included in the 2025-26 General Funded Leasing Account Budget in the amount of \$53,201.52. Current monthly rent is \$4,433.46, which is projected to cover five months of the fiscal year while the proposed rent of \$8,200 per month applies to the remaining seven months as the new term and rate is effective December 1, 2025. Total fiscal year expenses are projected at \$79,565, which is \$26,363 more than the budgeted amount resulting in a negative impact to the General Fund. The GSD will include this amount in the next quarterly status report of the Leasing Account as there may be other savings which can offset this deficit.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – APRIL 4, 2026

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – APRIL 3, 2026)

Summary:

On February 17, 2026, your Committee considered a February 3, 2026 MFC report relative to authority to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with Caltrans for vehicle storage at 550 Ramirez Street, CA 90026 for the LAPD MTD. According to the MFC, the City has been leasing this property from Caltrans for the LAPD since June 1999 under Contract No. C-98264. The MTD utilizes this lot for vehicle storage, and due to its close proximity to Piper Technical Center (PTC) across the street, makes it an ideal lot to store Police vehicles which are equipped or repaired at PTC. The lot is located beneath the freeway overpass between the Northbound 101 Freeway and Vignes Street. Lease negotiations were delayed as Caltrans evaluated leasing terms and conditions following various recent incidents at similar properties. However, after conferring with LAPD and Caltrans, all issues have since been resolved. The lot can accommodate up to 200

vehicles including black and white patrol vehicles, plain transportation vehicles, undercover and miscellaneous specialized vehicles. The number and type constantly change depending on the need. The current fence was installed by the City and is the City's responsibility to maintain. It has been a security issue with constant break ins. LAPD will be exploring options and funding as a separate action for a more secured perimeter fence. LAPD will continue to require use of this site for storage and overflow from PTC. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendation contained in the MFC report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Government Operations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

PADILLA: YES

LEE: YES

JURADO: ABSENT

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