

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to authorizing the Department of General Services (GSD) to negotiate and execute a no-cost license agreement with the National Weather Service (NWS) to operate a remote weather station adjacent to the Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center parking lot at 1700 Stadium Way.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter Section 371(e)(10) and Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 10.15(a)(10), that the use of competitive bidding would be undesirable and impractical for this agreement, as the NWS is a federal agency uniquely qualified to install, operate, and maintain meteorological monitoring equipment for public safety and weather forecasting purposes.
2. AUTHORIZE the GSD to negotiate and execute a no-cost license agreement with the NWS for the use of a portion of the City-owned property located at 1700 Stadium Way, Los Angeles, CA 90012, under the terms and conditions substantially outlined in the February 26, 2026 Municipal Facilities Committee (MFC) report, attached to the Council File.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The MFC reports that there is no General Fund impact as this is a no-cost license agreement. The NWS is responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement costs of the equipment.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

TIME LIMIT FILE – MAY 3, 2026

(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – MAY 1, 2026)

Summary:

On March 27, 2026, your Committee considered a February 26, 2026 MFC report relative to authorizing the GSD to negotiate and execute a no-cost license agreement with the NWS to operate a remote weather station adjacent to the Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center parking lot at 1700 Stadium Way.

According to the MFC, the NWS, a Federal agency responsible for weather forecasting and climate monitoring, has installed a Remote Weather Station (RWS) at the FHMTTC, with permission granted retroactive effective April 8, 2024. The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), which occupies the site, has approved the placement of a low-profile, tripod-mounted mechanical weather monitoring station approximately eight to ten feet in height, within a 100 square foot (10 feet by 10 feet) unimproved dirt area located within the southeast portion of the property, adjacent to the parking lot. The RWS will collect temperature, wind, precipitation, and other meteorological data critical to monitoring local

weather conditions in downtown Los Angeles. The LAFD has maintained a cooperative relationship with NWS for over 20 years, recognizing the importance of accurate weather data to public safety, emergency preparedness, and operational planning. The weather station is self-sustaining, powered by a dedicated solar panel. NWS personnel will require periodic access to the site for routine maintenance, calibration, data retrieval, and equipment upgrades. No permanent structures or utility connections are required at this time. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations 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: YES

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