

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

On June 17, 2026, a fire erupted at a large cold storage warehouse facility in Boyle Heights, generating a substantial smoke plume that continues to affect residents in Boyle Heights and neighboring communities. Although the shelter-in-place order has been lifted, public health agencies continue advising residents to limit exposure to smoke and airborne particles while emergency response and recovery operations remain underway. These events have led Mayor Karen Bass to declare a Local Emergency in the City of Los Angeles and Governor Gavin Newsom to proclaim a State of Emergency for Los Angeles County on June 20, 2026.

Public health agencies continue to advise residents to remain indoors when possible, limit outdoor activity, and reduce exposure to unhealthy air conditions. However, many Boyle Heights residents rely on public transit to access work, school, medical appointments, grocery stores, and other essential destinations. For these residents, following public health guidance is often dependent on the availability and frequency of transit service.

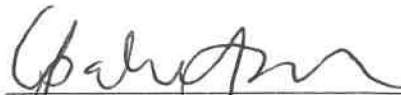
Transit-dependent residents, including seniors, students, workers, people with disabilities, and families without access to a vehicle, may be required to spend extended periods of time waiting outdoors for bus service. During an active smoke emergency, longer wait times can result in additional exposure to unhealthy air conditions.

The DASH Boyle Heights/East LA route serves many of the neighborhoods most impacted by this emergency. Increasing service frequency would help reduce outdoor wait times, support public health guidance, and provide a practical way to protect residents while emergency response and recovery efforts continue.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to increase the number of buses and bus drivers deployed for the DASH Boyle Heights/East LA route to run every 10-15 minutes Monday through Saturday.

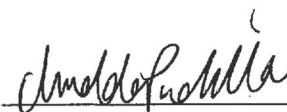
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT LADOT to implement the updated route immediately until the emergency declaration has been lifted.

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