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The LAX Automated People Mover was originally scheduled to open in 2023, but as of June 2026 it remains unopened and is now at least three years behind schedule. Although the train system is substantially complete and trains have begun operating without passengers as part of reliability testing, airport officials have not announced a firm opening date. Before passenger service can begin, the system must successfully complete 30 consecutive days of uninterrupted operation and pass final safety certifications.

Some delays stem from disputes between Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and LAX Integrated Express Solutions (LINXS), the consortium responsible for building and operating the project. Disagreements over electrical systems, maintenance responsibilities, testing requirements, compensation claims, and project management have repeatedly delayed critical testing milestones. These disputes have contributed to hundreds of millions of dollars in additional costs and pushed the opening from 2023 to what many observers now expect will be the second half of 2026.

The continued postponements have frustrated residents and travelers because the People Mover is the key link connecting LAX terminals with the new Metro K Line, Metro C Line, parking facilities, and the Consolidated Rent-A-Car Center. With the 2026 FIFA World Cup now underway, the project missed its long-anticipated target of being operational before the event. With testing continuing and airport officials remaining optimistic about opening later in 2026, the repeated delays have raised concerns about whether the project can finally meet its latest timetable.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council request Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) to report on the current delays and cost overruns associated with the LAX Automated People Mover.

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