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Older adults across the City of Los Angeles increasingly face transportation barriers that affect their ability to access essential services, including medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, community centers, senior nutrition programs, places of worship, and other destinations critical to maintaining their health, independence, and quality of life. As the City's senior population continues to grow, ensuring reliable, affordable, and accessible transportation options is essential to allowing older Angelenos to age with dignity in their communities.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) offers a variety of transportation services and mobility programs intended to improve access for seniors, including Metro Micro, reduced-fare programs, and partnerships with local agencies. However, awareness, availability, geographic coverage, accessibility, and coordination among existing services may limit their effectiveness for many older adults. There is an opportunity for the City to work collaboratively with Metro to identify service gaps, improve coordination, and expand transportation options that better meet the needs of seniors.

In addition to public transportation programs, private transportation network companies, including Uber and Lyft, may provide opportunities to supplement existing senior transportation services, particularly for older adults who need flexible, on-demand transportation. Exploring partnerships with these companies, including potential discounted or subsidized ride programs, could help address gaps in existing services and provide seniors with additional options to reach essential destinations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Community Investment Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to report with recommendations to improve transportation access for older adults throughout the City of Los Angeles, including an assessment of existing transportation gaps and City-supported senior transportation services; available funding opportunities; strategies to improve access to medical care, grocery stores, community centers, recreational facilities, and other essential destinations; and opportunities to partner with transportation network companies to provide discounted or subsidized rides and other mobility options that complement existing senior transportation services.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Community Investment Department, with the assistance of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to report, on existing Metro programs available to seniors, including Metro Micro, On the Move Riders Program, Life Program, Access, and reduced-fare mobility programs; opportunities to improve service availability, accessibility, geographic coverage, and public awareness; and recommendations for expanding or enhancing these services through partnerships with the City to better meet the transportation needs of older adults.

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