

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to TAP-to-Exit infrastructure and policies.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Nazarian – Yaroslavsky):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) to support the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) authority and operational flexibility to install and enforce TAP-to-Exit infrastructure and modernized faregate policies across Metro rail and bus rapid transit stations within the City, as deemed necessary by Metro to enhance public safety, reduce crime, protect transit workers and passengers, and improve the overall rider experience.
2. DIRECT the LAFD to:
 - a. Work collaboratively with Metro to develop, adopt, and promptly implement permitting and safety standards that would allow for the expansion of TAP-to-Exit and modernized faregate infrastructure throughout the Metro system while ensuring compliance with fire and life safety requirements.
 - b. Evaluate and incorporate fire and life safety standards, best practices, and operational models successfully deployed by other major domestic and international transit agencies and fire departments with TAP-to-Exit and modernized faregate systems.
3. INSTRUCT the LAFD, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and other relevant agencies to facilitate the timely installation and enforcement of TAP-to-Exit and modernized faregate systems at stations identified as experiencing elevated crime, fare evasion, vandalism, trespassing, or persistent quality-of-life concerns.
4. INSTRUCT the LAPD and LAFD to report quarterly on the status of these efforts, until completion of these programs, and to track and report volume of service calls at Metro stations throughout the City to evaluate the effectiveness of the TAP-to-Exit and modernized faregate programs, ensuring continued progress in maintaining safe and accessible Metro stations.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On October 7, 2026, your Committee considered a Motion (Nazarian – Yaroslavsky) relative to TAP-to-Exit infrastructure and policies. According to the Motion, systems like

TAP-to-Exit and *modernized faregates* are a common and proven practice throughout major public transit systems around the world, including systems in Washington D.C., the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the Metropolitan-Atlanta Regional Transit Authority (MARTA), London, Tokyo, Singapore, Hong Kong, and many others. *TAP-to-Exit* and *modernized faregates* have demonstrated effectiveness in improving safety, reducing unauthorized access, discouraging fare evasion, and promoting a cleaner and more secure transit environment for riders and employees.

The Metro has reported substantial public safety improvements at the North Hollywood Station following the implementation and enforcement of *TAP-to-Exit* controls. Prior to enforcement, the station experienced a reported 67% increase in crime and nuisance activity. Since *TAP-to-Exit* enforcement began in late 2025, Metro has observed a sharp decline in criminal activity, encampments, graffiti, fighting, fare evasion, loitering, trespassing, and other quality-of-life issues impacting NoHo Station, riders of the B Line, employees, and surrounding ' communities.

Despite the demonstrated success of *TAP-to-Exit* enforcement and expansion of *modernized faregates*, Metro has faced challenges expanding the program systemwide due to permitting and safety concerns related to station exit requirements. Numerous transit agencies throughout the United States and internationally have successfully implemented *TAP-to-Exit* infrastructure and *modernized faregates* while complying with fire and life safety standards established by their respective fire authorities and building codes.

The City must continue to prioritize public safety, transit reliability, and increased ridership across the Metro system. Riders are more likely to utilize public transportation when stations and trains are safe, orderly, clean, and well-maintained. *TAP-to-Exit* enforcement and *modernized faregates* serves as an important operational tool that discourages misuse of transit facilities by non-riders and individuals engaging in criminal or nuisance behavior. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
PADILLA:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES

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