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MINUTES
June 12, 2025
10:00 AM

CONVENED

The Board of Transportation Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 10:02 AM in Los Angeles, CA.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ITEM NO. 1 – WELCOME

President Liban called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present noting that those wishing to testify before the Board must fill out a speaker's form. He informed the audience that if anyone is a registered lobbyist, City ordinance requires that it should be indicated on the speaker's form.

ITEM NO. 2 – ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Douglas Tohom, Cris Liban, Vigen Davidian, Raymond Regalado, David Marquez, and Juan Solorio; Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager (AGM); and Michael Nagle, Deputy City Attorney (DCA) and Kevin Dufner, DCA

ITEM NO. 3 - MINUTES

Commissioner Tohom moved, seconded by Commissioner Davidian to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2025. Unanimously APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 4 – COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Liban commented on the recent events occurring in the City of LA and reminded everyone to be safe. He commended the law enforcement for keeping the City safe and the LADOT workers in keeping up with the work that needs to be done. In addition, he announced that Commissioner Selika Talbott resigned and the Vice President position is now vacant and invited the Commissioners who may be interested to nominate or self nominate at the upcoming election in the July meeting.

ITEM NO. 5 – COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ITEM NO. 6 – GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

AGM Kim announced that he will be retiring as of July 1st and gave his outgoing remarks. He acknowledged and thanked the City Attorneys for their great advice in legal issues over the years, and thanked the staff as well.

Commissioners Davidian and Liban gave their congratulatory statements.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CONSENT ITEM

ITEM NO. 7 - Recommend Approval of the Application of Grand Group Transportation, Inc. for Three Unrestricted Non-Ambulatory Passenger Vehicle Permits

ITEM NO. 8 - Recommend Approval of the Application of A5 Transportation LLC for One Unrestricted Non-Ambulatory Passenger Vehicle Permit

ITEM NO. 9 – Recommend Approval of the Application of Brougham Ambulance for Three Unrestricted Private Ambulance Vehicle Permits

Commissioner Davidian moved, seconded by Commissioner Regalado to approve Items No. 7, 8, and 9. Unanimously APPROVED.

ACTION ITEM

ITEM NO. 10 – Adjust LADOT Parking Rates and Hours of Off-Street Facilities and Establish Parking Rates at Free Off-Street Facilities

Diego De La Garza, Project Assistant – Parking Facility Division, presented the report.

Questions, answers, and comments were provided.

- Commissioner Liban asked to outline the pros and cons of the parking rate increase.
- Mr. De La Garza discussed the pros and tradeoffs which are being looked at currently.

- Commissioner Liban asked to confirm if it has been 10 years since the last increase.
- Mr. De La Garza confirmed it has been 16 years since 2009 and that was only for a limited number of parking facilities.
- Ken Husting, Principal Transportation Engineer – Bureau of Parking Management, added that they could not find when the last time a broad stroke rate increase across our parking lots was done, and that it appears many rates have been in place since possibly when the lots started and there has never been an overarching rate adjustment for all DOT lots. He discussed the increase in the CPIU (Urban areas) from year 2000; the gross and net revenues at different facilities; and how DOT is looking into how to maintain the current operation and how we ensure to continue the operation in the future.
- Commissioner Davidian thanked staff for the comprehensive report and asked if there is a record of how much the costs have increased in the last 16 years.
- Mr. De La Garza reported that they do not have the calculation for the increased costs, it is something they can do but will take some time. He discussed the increases in the past year that we have not had to pay for in the past (ie: more vandalism, deferred maintenance on pay stations, encampment clean ups)
- Mr. Husting discussed how we are trying to bring up the parking facilities to industry standard; and shared the number of hurdles faced over the years, possibly new ones that were not contemplated back then and how this is vital for the future.
- Commissioner Marquez suggested a three-year evaluation or assessment, as a matter of policy, of income versus expenses, and in between to have a yearly assessment.
- Mr. De La Garza discussed how to move forward with an evaluation every three years.
- Mr. Husting offered to come back to the Board annually to look at the expenses and revenues if the Board wishes.
- Commissioner Marquez asked to clarify if the four bullet points in the report are all under the Special Parking Revenue Fund (SPRF).
- Mr. Husting clarified how the bullet points are very general categories and explained how there are a lot of other expenses the SPRF does pay for that are not as clear, and it is related to expenses for the parking facilities for parking meters, and not paying for parks, shuttle service.
- Commissioner Regalado commented on the need for public campaign in the spirit of public awareness.
- In preparation for this meeting, Mr. Husting reported that notices were posted at all parking facilities to let the public know rate adjustments were being discussed. He added that it would be absolutely appropriate for DOT to post what the rates will be and the effective date before rate adjustments are implemented. He added that the Department's Government Affairs group is looking into a broader strategy to get the word out whether online, through social media or council offices.
- Commissioner Tohom stated that with new operating hours it means new costs for those lots and asked if the analysis will consider the revenue for that specific lot cover the new cost.

- Mr. De La Garza discussed the following: why the operational cost remains static for the non-operated lots and much higher cost for the operated lots; change in the maintenance cost for the extra two days for the non-operated lots; working on the operated lots and asking for the authority to change some of the operated lots but have seen that in the off hours, there is a huge need not being met because the lot is close; and that there will be some adjustments and learning whether or not will need to make further adjustments not necessarily in rates but how we operate the lots to be able to serve the public and make sure there is available parking at these times later on the evenings and on the weekends.
- Commissioner Tohom asked to speak about a developer looking to take a parking facility for an alternate use.
- Mr. Husting shared how there will be more parking facilities coming to the Board for approval of alternate uses and discussed in detail the factors that the Board would have to take into consideration when a developer is looking to take a parking facility for a different use.
- Commissioner Tohom asked if there is an online communication, a website with all the parking lots, and if it will be updated right away.
- Mr. Husting confirmed that there is an LADOT Parking website and will be updating the website to reflect the new rates.
- Commissioner Solorio suggested how it would be helpful if the Department could provide the Board with a copy or template of the notices as part of the Board package to see what they look like moving forward.
- Mr. Husting acknowledged the request and will do as Commissioner Solorio suggested.
- Commissioner Marquez commented on the 28 subsidized parking facilities that will be discontinued and asked how DOT is preparing for public reaction.
- Mr. De La Garza clarified that of the free parking lots, all but one are in parking meter zones, which are only in commercial areas and that there is only one facility that is not in a meter zone and that facility is also in a commercial zone. He added that a lot of the lots are mixed-use and have parking available in the evening for the people in the residential areas; some lots will have evening permits if there is high usage; and for lots that do not have high usage at night and no monthly evening permit, people can park there for free in the evenings as long as they pay in the morning when the lots open.
- Commissioner Regalado asked if the Coastal Commission influence the parking rates.
- Mr. De La Garza explained how we have to apply for a Coastal Development permit to be able to change our rates.
- Mr. Husting stated that even though we are requesting the rates to be adjusted, authority to change the rates in the Coastal Commission area, we are not going to implement those until such time we have approval from the Coastal Commission. He added that approval from the Coastal Commission will take some time and there is no guarantee that it will get approve, that is State law, and explained why we are taking a very conservative approach this year and hoping that the following fiscal year everything will be in place.
- Commissioner Regalado asked if there are parking facilities not under the purview of DOT.

- Mr. Husting confirmed that there is a tremendous amount of parking facilities that are not under the purview of LADOT and even though LADOT SPRF has 111 parking facilities, within LADOT we have some Park n Ride facilities that are not under SPRF; and that there are a number of parking facilities beyond LADOT - General Services Department, Rec & Parks, Convention Center, PORTS, and LAWA.
- Commissioner Regalado asked if they determine their own rate schedule.
- Mr. Husting confirmed that they do and added that he does not know how it operates for General Services Department and Rec & Parks, but for the proprietary departments they have their own Boards who will dictate different rates.
- Commissioner Tohom asked if there will be discussions for the use of those lots during the Olympics.
- Mr. Husting shared that he had recent conversations with his counterpart in LA Metro and have been trying to strategize on how we can make use of different LADOT facilities to help with the Olympics and discussions are ongoing.
- Commissioner Liban asked what the next steps are after the Board votes on the item.
- Mr. De La Garza explained the next steps after the Board votes on the item (City Council has the ability to review the Board's vote, have five Council days to make a decision whether they want to review or not and if they choose not to review it, this would be official and published and that date would be June 25th). He believes that it will take at least six months to do the conversion of the free lots to paid lots, and still working on the final timeline for making all the changes.
- Mr. Husting added that while the City Council does have the ability to review the Board's decision and should they have any kind of issue with it, the item would come back to the Board and it would be the Board's final decision.
- DCA Nagle commented that it is similar to what the Board did with the Venice Dell project, Section 245 of the Code.
- Mr. Husting discussed the steps before actual implementation and explained that there are a whole host of work that needs to be done that will take them months and should the Board approve the rates, staff will aggressively be working from day one but understanding that nothing will take place before July 1st.
- Commissioner Davidian asked to clarify how the Board's decision is noticed to the City Council.
- EAA Jasmin responded that a copy of the report with the Board's approval will be transmitted to City Council via email.
- Mr. Husting stated that it would depend if the City Council actually wants to take this up whether or not it will be agendaized.
- DCA Dufner clarified that this authority applies to every single action this Board takes and the Council needs to affirmatively assert jurisdiction within five Council days.
- Mr. Husting expressed his gratitude and gave KUDOS to his team, Diego, and Michelle, who did a tremendous amount of work; and from a personal note, to Jay Kim, who has been a terrific boss who also contributed to this report as well as other reports.

Commissioner Tohom moved, seconded by Commissioner Davidian to approve Item No. 10. Unanimously APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.7

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Liban moved, seconded by Commissioner Davidian to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously APPROVED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

