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MINUTES
December 11, 2025
10:00 AM

CONVENED

The Board of Transportation Commissioners convened a regular meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 10:16 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, Raymond Regalado, David Marquez, and Nicole Nicholas; Tomas Carranza, Assistant General Manager; Deputy City Attorneys (DCA) Michael Nagle and Kevin Dufner

Absent: Commissioners Vigen Davidian and Juan Solorio

ITEM NO. 3 - MINUTES

Commissioner Tohom moved, seconded by Commissioner Regalado to approve Minutes of November 13, 2025. Unanimously APPROVED.

ITEM NO. 4 – COMMISSION BUSINESS

As the year comes to an end, Commissioner Liban expressed his appreciation and acknowledged the Department for its many accomplishments and challenges during the year.

ITEM NO. 5 – COMMUNICATIONS

None

ITEM NO. 6 – GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

AGM Carranza reported on the City’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Budget process as follows:

- Last month, City departments submitted budget proposals requesting additional resources for the upcoming FY. These proposals are now under review by the Mayor’s Office and the City Administrative Officer (CAO).
- LADOT’s budget proposals were guided by the following priorities listed below. Based on these priorities, LADOT identified budgetary needs focused on critical infrastructure investments and safety improvements by building up our infrastructure planning and delivery capacity leading up to 2028 and beyond:
 - Deliver legacy projects for a transit-first Olympic & Paralympic Games
 - Reimage and recommit to traffic safety
 - Enhance transit service and security
 - Expand access to opportunities for all Angelenos
 - Improve efficiencies to deliver excellent City services
 - Contribute to the financial solvency of the City
- LADOT submitted requests on the following (this is not a complete list of proposals but represent some of the Departments key objectives):
 - To restore 100 parking enforcement traffic officer positions to support all traffic control and public safety efforts for all events the City hosts throughout the year including for the 2028 Games
 - Additional positions to address both the growing backlog of contested parking citations and the overflow of citation adjudication hearings
 - Staff and contractual resources needed to implement a much needed asset management system. This would allow the Department to create and maintain a digital inventory of all LADOT assets within the public right of way
 - Additional resources to plan and build a safe and reliable Transit-First infrastructure that would support the 2028 Games venues
 - Additional positions needed to deliver the Games Route Network to ensure the safe and reliable movement of athletes, coaches, and officials to Games venues through dedicated traffic lanes and to support traffic planning and management of spectator traffic for these major events
 - Staff for LADOT’s Automated Speed Enforcement Program – Assembly Bill 645 authorizes six cities in California to use cameras and license plate recognition technology to support enforcement of posted speed limits.
 - Staff (investigators) for the Parking Meter Security & Investigation Unit to secure parking meter assets to prevent meter revenue theft and meter vandalism
 - Staff to support the development review and permitting functions including affordable housing projects and Pacific Palisades rebuilding efforts
- Build on the success of the Metro Automated Bus Lane and Bus Stop Enforcement Program and expand the bus lane and bus stop camera enforcement program along more bus routes including DASH shuttles.

AGM Carranza concluded that the budget process is still in its early stages and offered to provide updates during upcoming Commission meetings. He can also invite our Budget staff to answer questions at a future meeting once we have more information.

Questions and answers were provided.

- Commissioner Marquez asked how it is determined which locations are selected for the speed enforcement program.
- AGM Carranza discussed the following: LADOT hired a consultant to assist with engagement, data analysis, and site selection; we are reviewing speed and crash data throughout the City; a big part of this effort is engagement and a technical and citizens advisory committee is assisting; we've narrowed down to about 250 potential locations; Assembly Bill 645 allows the installation of 125 cameras; and we hope to have the final locations determined sometime in January or February 2026.
- Commissioner Regalado asked to clarify if any of the vacant positions eliminated from the budget were traffic officers.
- AGM Carranza responded that in the last two years, about 100 traffic officer positions were eliminated from the budget and we are trying to restore those positions.
- With regards to the automated bus lane enforcement, Commissioner Tohom asked to speak on some of the metrics of its success since implementation; if the DASH buses have been using the bus only lanes; and if enforcement is helping move them more efficiently.
- AGM Carranza stated that currently, there are no cameras deployed on DASH buses, but they will be included in a future phase of the program. Cameras are currently only deployed on Metro buses. He deferred to Ken Husting on the camera data.
- Ken Husting, Principal Transportation Engineer –Parking Management Bureau, reported that Metro is keeping track of the data and he would be happy to share but would need to check with Metro if they are willing to make it public. He added that there is a requirement within the State Bill to report back to the California Legislature because the Bus Only Lane Program is a pilot program and the report back is to see if it is effective.
- Commissioner Tohom asked to provide the approximate dollar amount requested to achieve all the goals and ambitions the Department has outlined.
- AGM Carranza stated that he does not have the information but could provide at a future meeting.
- Commissioner Marquez asked if the parking meter repair funding increased or decreased.
- Mr. Husting discussed how they requested additional resources in the Special Parking Revenue Fund (SPRF) to help support the Department's parking meter technicians (whose staffing is currently reduced to roughly 50 percent) whether it is overtime or supplies to help them do their job more efficiently. Also, as part of the SPRF request, they are keeping in mind the upcoming Olympics specifically addressing the timeline for implementing necessary improvements before the event.

- Commissioner Nicholas asked a clarifying question about the repair of the coin meters rather than transitioning to an electronic option and data on the effectiveness of one versus the other.
- Mr. Husting explained how all parking meters are coin, credit card, and some have tap ability, pay by app ability, and text to pay. We have among the most advanced parking meters probably in the nation.
- Commissioner Liban asked for a future report on Zero Emission Bus Expansion and how this budget might affect our preparation for major events.
- AGM Carranza acknowledged the request and will report on the Zero Emission Bus Expansion and electrification efforts at a future meeting.
- With multiple events coming up before the Olympics (World Cup, Superbowl, etc) Commissioner Nicholas asked if any of these time to impact the spring of next year anything before the Olympics.
- AGM Carranza reported that the Department will be running some pilots for the World Cup and other events before the Olympics to inform our 2028 preparations. For example, LADOT was recently awarded grants from Metro to plan and operate several Open Streets events throughout the City before and during the 2028 Games.
- Commissioner Liban asked to integrate preparation of major events to the future report as some point.
- As the Department prepares recommendations for future revenue sources for the Council and Transportation Committee, Commissioner Tohom requested the Department to bring these recommendations back to the Board to allow the Commission to advocate and provide support on all the Department projects.
- AGM Carranza acknowledged the request and expressed appreciation for the offer.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

None

PUBLIC FORUM

Comments were provided.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

7. **Withdrawal of Proposed Ground Lease Agreement with Larchmont Properties, LTD. For Municipal Lot No. 694**

Mr. Husting provided a brief report.

Question and answer were provided.

- Commissioner Liban stated that with the report and issue closed, he asked if any of the issues associated with the property completed also.
- Mr. Husting confirmed that Lot 694 will remain the same, no proposed development and no proposed change of use.

CONSENT ITEM

ITEM NO. 8 - Recommend Approval of Application of MTI Transit, LLC dba MTI Ambulance for Three Unrestricted Private Ambulance Vehicle Permits

ITEM NO. 9 – Recommend Approval of the Reassignment of Seven Restricted Non-Ambulatory Passenger Vehicle Permits and Nine Restricted Public Transportation Vehicle Permits from Empire Transportation, Inc. to the New Owners of Pro Park, LLC dba Empire Transportation Due to a Sale of All Assets

Commissioner Marquez moved, seconded by Commissioner Tohom to approve Item Nos. 8 and 9. Unanimously APPROVED.

Commissioner Liban moved, seconded by Commissioner Tohom to enter into Executive Session. Unanimously APPROVED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ITEM NO. 10 – Appeal of Aireza Rafi Concerning the Department’s October 30, 2025 Decision to Cancel His Taxicab Driver Application, Pursuant to Taxicab Rule Book Section 600, Rules 607 and 615

Nestor Arauz, Transportation Investigator, presented the report.

Appellant Aireza Rafi was present and addressed the Board.

Questions and answers were provided.

Commissioner Liban moved, seconded by Commissioner Marquez to grant the appeal with an amendment to waive the re-application fee of Aireza Rafi. Unanimously APPROVED.

Commissioner Liban moved, seconded by Commissioner Tohom to go back to Open Session. Unanimously APPROVED.

DCA Nagle reported that at the Closed Session, the Board granted the appeal of Aireza Rafi.

ADJOURNMENT – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.7

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.

Approved: 1/8/2024
Board of Transportation Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant

