BOARD REPORT CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date:

August 14, 2025

To:

Board of Transportation Commissioners

From:

Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager

Subject:

TEMPORARY CONVERSION OF MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT NO. 649 TO A BRIDGE

HOUSING FACILITY

SUMMARY

This is a request to continue to use the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) Lot No. 649 in Hollywood as a bridge housing facility for individuals experiencing homelessness.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

AUTHORIZES the continued temporary use of LADOT Lot No. 649 as a temporary bridge housing facility until June 30, 2026 with the conditions below:

- At the end of the usage, the lot be released back to LADOT oversight; and
- That the lot be restored back to its original condition or better prior to construction of the bridge housing facility.

BACKGROUND

In April 2018, then Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell put forth a motion (Council File 18-0352) to evaluate if LADOT Lot No. 649, located at 1533 Schrader Boulevard in Council District (CD) 13, was suitable for development as a crisis and bridge housing facility. Bridge housing is a type of temporary, short-term shelter for people experiencing homelessness, designed to quickly connect individuals with permanent housing solutions. In September 2018, the City Council approved the use of Lot No. 649 as a temporary bridge housing facility. In December 2018, the City Council authorized the General Services Department (GSD) to negotiate and execute a lease for the property, and the site opened on March 26, 2019 in partnership with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and the People Assisting The Homeless (PATH). The current bridge housing facility can house up to 70 individuals.

Lot No. 649 operated as a 21,430 square foot surface parking lot with 55 parking spaces, including three Americans with Disabilities Act spaces (see Attachment "A"). It had parking rates of a \$9 flat rate and \$125 monthly rate. The daily hours of operation were from 6 AM to 12:30 AM daily. The lot was heavily used by those attending the adjacent YMCA and visitors to Hollywood, and generated approximately \$117,000 per year.

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DISCUSSION

The PATH contract expired on June 30, 2025. GSD and LAHSA are in the process of executing a new one-year agreement with Hope Mission to provide on-site services for the homeless, including a temporary housing solution that prioritizes a safe, low-barrier, and "housing first" approach, aiming to connect individuals experiencing homelessness with resources for a quick resolution of their housing situation. The updated contract mandates 24/7 services, including case management, meal distribution, and harm reduction, while adhering to strict eligibility and operational guidelines.

The Office of City Administrative Officer (CAO) reached out to LADOT to inform the Department of the change from PATH to Hope Mission. LADOT informed the CAO that this alternate use had not yet received Board of Transportation Commissioners (Board) approval. Section 22.484 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code authorizes the Board to make decisions about off-street parking facilities under the jurisdiction of the LADOT. This includes coordinating all matters relating to off-street parking facilities acquired by the City for public use.

Given that the bridge housing facility is already in place and there is a continued need for it, LADOT recommends that the Board authorize the existing use of Lot No. 649 for bridge housing until the end of the current proposed contract with Hope Mission. The terms of the future contract have not yet been finalized by GSD, while waiting for approval from the Board and City Council. Should Board and City Council approval be granted, the contract will be retroactive starting July 1, 2025 and end on June 30, 2026. At the end of the contract term, LADOT will either return to the Board with a contract extension or new contract for consideration, or the property will be returned to LADOT for public parking. Funds generated from the parking lot will be deposited into the Special Parking Revenue Fund (SPRF).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no impact to the General Fund. The continued use of this parking facility results in an estimated annual parking revenue loss of over \$117,000 that would be deposited into the SPRF.

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Attachment

Approved:_

Board of Transportation Commissioners

Commission Executive Assistant

ATTACHMENT "A"

SITE MAP AND STREET VIEW





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