

BOARD REPORT  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: May 14, 2026

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager *Tomas Carranza* for LRC  
Department of Transportation

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ABILITY FOR TAXICAB OPERATORS TO PASS LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORT FEES (LAWA/LAX) TO PASSENGERS.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That your Board:

- A. **Find** that the fees set by the Airport Commission related to Los Angeles International Airport are proper.
- B. **Find** that it is appropriate and reasonable for taxicab operators to pass airport fees to customers.
- C. **Approve** the Staff recommendation that Los Angeles permitted taxicab operators may pass on the new adjusted Ground Transportation Access Fees of \$6.00 for pick up and drop off at the Skylink Curbs and \$12.00 for pick up and drop off at the Central Terminal Area to their passengers.
- D. **Approve** the Staff recommendation that Los Angeles permitted taxicab operators may pass all future Airport Commission approved LAX Access Fees and adjustments to its airport customers.

**DISCUSSION**

On March 10, 2026, the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) Board of Airport Commissioners approved an adjustment of Ground Transportation Access Fees at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) for Commercial For-Hire Vehicles including taxicabs.

Taxicabs currently pay a \$4.00 access fee to pick up passengers. This fee is currently passed on to the customer in the form of an Airport Surcharge of \$4.00 in addition to the metered fare of the trip. The current fee as well as the authorization to collect it from the passenger has been in place since 2011. Prior to 2011, the fee was \$2.50 which was also passed on to the passenger beginning in 1986.

The new Access Fee as approved by the Airport Commissioners would raise the pick-up fee from \$4.00 to \$6.00. This increased fee will be for pick-ups at the Skylink Automatic People Mover curbs. In addition, there will be a new \$6.00 fee for dropping off customers at those same Skylink curbs. Finally, there will be a \$12.00 fee for both picking up or dropping off customers in the Central Terminal Area (CTA) as summarized in the chart below.

Service Type	Current Pick Up/ Drop Off Fees	Approved Pick Up/Drop Off Fees at Skylink Curbs	Approved Pick Up/Drop Off Fees in CTA
Taxicabs	\$4.00/ \$0.00	\$6.00/ \$6.00	\$12.00/ \$12.00
Transportation Network Companies (TNCs like Uber and Lyft)	\$4.00/ \$4.00	\$6.00/ \$6.00	\$12.00/ \$12.00
Limousines/Black Cars	\$5.00/ \$0.00	\$6.00/ \$6.00	\$12.00/ \$12.00

These new fees will essentially be equal across all the primary For-Hire Passenger Vehicle Modes. Because the LADOT sets rates for what can be charged to customers in Los Angeles permitted taxicabs, this Commission is authorized to review and approve additional fees over the meter rate that can be charged to customers. It has been standard practice in the taxicab industry for over 40 years to pass these additional costs on to customers, and the LADOT is recommending that this Commission continue that practice, otherwise the full cost of these charges will be borne by the individual operator which in turn would reduce whatever amount they would receive from the metered rates.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize taxicab operators to pass on the newly approved LAX airport access fees of \$6.00 for pick up and drop off at Skylink Curbs and \$12.00 for pick up and drop off in the CTA to airport customers.

Staff further recommends that Los Angeles permitted taxicabs be also allowed to pass on all future Airport Commission approved LAX Access Fees and adjustments to its airport customers. Staff believes that the taxicab operator should be fully reimbursed for the cost of LAX Access Fees.

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Attachment (LAWA Board Report)

**BOARD OF TAXICAB COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

**PROPOSED SURCHARGE FOR LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GROUND TRANSPORTATION  
ACCESS FEES**

WHEREAS, the California Government Code 53075.5 gives the City of Los Angeles the authority to set maximum taxicab meter rates to be charged to the public for taxicab service in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found and determined that the following surcharges are just, reasonable, nondiscriminatory and non-preferential for all companies; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed following surcharges are authorized by the Board to be charged by permitted taxicab operators for service in the City of Los Angeles;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that future Ground Transportation Access Fees and adjustments for Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) as established by the Los Angeles World Airports Commission are authorized to be charged by permitted taxicab operators to their passengers.

**LAX Taximeter Surcharges**

\$6.00 per pick up at all Skylink Curbs.

\$6.00 per drop off at all Skylink Curbs.

\$12.00 per pick up at all locations within the Central Terminal Area (CTA).

\$12.00 per drop off at all locations within the Central Terminal Area (CTA).