

Sustainability, Transportation & Public Safety CIS Motions – January 2022

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SUSTAINABILITY

ISSUE: ZERO EMISSION GOALS / PORT OPERATIONS

CF# 21-1333 (KREKORIAN/MARTINEZ) – 11/10/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER & TRADE, TRAVEL AND, TOURISM COMMITTEES

- Councilmembers' motion proposes "that the Harbor Department work collaboratively with SCAQMD and the Port of Long Beach to develop and agree on an MOU that facilitates achieving the joint Los Angeles-Long Beach Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) goals while exclusively utilizing ZE programs and technology for trucks and cargo handling equipment"...and... "that the Harbor Department report within 90 days, and on a semi-annual basis thereafter, on efforts to achieve the ZE goals of the CAAP."

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1333 to help facilitate achievement of ZE port goals.

- **Rationale:** The WNC should encourage efforts to decarbonize Port operations and impacts.

ISSUE: ABANDONED GAS & OIL WELLS / ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW & NOTIFICATION

CF# 21-1395 (CEDILLO) – 11/24/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER COMMITTEE

- Councilmember's motion proposes "that the Council instruct the Petroleum Administrator, in consultation with the Department of City Planning, Department of Building and Safety, Fire Department and Los Angeles County Public Health Department, to prepare and present a report with policy recommendations on how to integrate the document titled "Community Health, Safety and Notification Plan" prepared by the Department of Public Health into the City's land-use, environmental review and permitting processes related to real estate development activities on sites with abandoned gas and oil wells."

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1395 in ensuring appropriate environmental standards and outreach notification methods are maintained when abandoning gas and oil wells.

- **Rationale:** Proper environmental review standards and outreach practices should be applied when abandoning, removing or remediating gas and oil wells.

ISSUE: HEAT EFFECT / UNDERGROUNDING UTILITIES

CF# 21-1397 (RODRIGUEZ) – 11/24/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER & BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- Councilmember's motion proposes instructing "the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering, Bureau of Street Services, Department of Water and Power, in coordination with the City Attorney, to create a digital map of City, County, and Metro projects constructed or managed in the last three years and planned over the next two years in key infrastructure categories (including sidewalks, street lighting, urban canopy, and public broadband)," and all relevant departments "report back in one hundred twenty days on the impact that climate change-related heat impacts have on transportation-related infrastructure and technology and future feasibility and action plan on undergrounding utilities."

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1397 in requesting Public Works analyze and report of potential heat impacts on public transit infrastructure and technology as well as the potential feasibility of undergrounding utilities.

- **Rationale:** WNC should be concerned about heat island effects and impacts on public transit as well as desire undergrounding of utilities. A report analyzing those issues could be beneficial.

ISSUE: PASSIVE RECREATION AREAS FROM DWP

CF# 21-1467 (LEE) – 12/8/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER & ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEES

- Councilmember's motion proposes the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, in coordination with the Department of Recreation and Parks, be requested to report to City Council with a plan to identify and convert appropriate LADWP property into passive recreation and open space in compliance with" the Mayor's Executive Directive #31: Achieving Park Equity.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1467 in ensuring a smoother process for identifying and converting DWP properties into passive recreation areas via a streamlined and cost-effective way.

- **Rationale:** There are DWP facilities/properties throughout the Westside which – if closed – could be desired as open space.

ISSUE: BUILDING DECARBONIZATION / CEMO

CF# 21-1463 (KORETZ, KREKORIAN, RAMAN) – 12/8/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER COMMITTEE

- Councilmembers' motion proposes to instruct the Los Angeles Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO), the Department of Building and Safety and the Housing Department to work together and coordinate with other city agencies, stakeholders and community leaders to develop plans for decarbonizing buildings while minimizing negative impacts on vulnerable communities.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1463 in requiring the Climate Emergency Mobilization Office and other city entities to conduct public engagement with affected communities when developing building decarbonization programs.

- **Rationale:** Some well-meaning policies to combat climate change pollution have left low-income communities with higher energy bills and worse air quality due to a disparity in energy programs.

TRANSPORTATION

ISSUE: EV ELECTRICITY TAXING CONSISTENCY / INCENTIVES

CF# 21-1342 (KORETZ) – 11/12/2021

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND RIVER & BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- Councilmember's motion instructs/requests "the Office of Finance, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst and City Attorney as needed, to: (1) report on the feasibility of implementing an ordinance that would codify the sale of electricity by commercial EV charging companies" within a retail sales category of the City Municipal Code; and (2) report on the feasibility of creating an environmental/energy sustainability sub-category in the code that would provide for additional incentives, such as reduced business tax rates for EV charging companies operating in the City.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1342 in requesting reports on providing clarity and consistency in municipal taxes regarding electricity sales and incentives for local EV companies.

- **Rationale:** WNC should continue to encourage EV-specific policies to facilitate consumer usage.

ISSUE: INCREASING PORT EFFICIENCY AND DECREASING PORT POLLUTION

CF# 21-1466 (KREKORIAN/MARTINEZ/O'FARRELL) – 12/8/2021

TRADE, TRAVEL AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

- Councilmembers' motion proposes to "direct the Port of Los Angeles to immediately develop and implement new protocols to mitigate the impacts of the backlog and reduce pollution at the Port," including: (1) Facilitating greater operational efficiency by reducing turn times of ships and trucks and equipment use; (2) Promote on dock rail; (3) Vessel speed reduction; (4) Expedite the introduction of zero emissions equipment; (5) Collaborate with the Pacific Maritime Association, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, Maritime Exchange of Southern California, and member companies to support and refine the new queuing process for container vessels; (6) Collaborate with local trucking associations to improve unloading and movement to final destinations.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1466 in helping resolve Port backlog and pollution.

- **Rationale:** The WNC should encourage efficient and clean ways to solve the backlog at the Port.

ELECTIONS

ISSUE: INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION / BALLOT MEASURE

CF# 21-1472 (KREKORIAN/RORAMAN) – 12/8/2021

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Councilmembers' motion proposes the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from the City Attorney and other City departments, as needed, to report within 90 days with options for a ballot

measure for the November 2022 ballot to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City of Los Angeles

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1472 in advancing the process for the City to adopt an independent redistricting commission.

➤ **Rationale:** The WNC previously passed a resolution urging the City Council to take such action.

ISSUE: STATE BALLOT MEASURES / VOTER INFORMATION

CF# 21-0002-S198 (BONIN) – 12/8/2021

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Councilmember's motion proposes that the City Council "includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 90 (Stern) and AB 1416 (Santiago), also known as the Ballot DISCLOSE ACT, which would add additional characters to list the supporters and opponents from the official arguments for and against each state ballot measure in the voter information guide to the ballot label."

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-0002-S198 and the goal of greater transparency regarding the proponents and opponents of statewide ballot measures.

➤ **Rationale:** The WNC should support greater transparency in election information and processes.

PUBLIC SAFETY

ISSUE: BROKEN SIDEWALKS / IMPROVED REPAIR PROCESS

CF# 21-1367 (CONTROLLER) – 11/17/2021

PUBLIC WORKS & PERSONNEL, AUDITS, AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEES

- The report from the Controller urges "the City Council to adopt the following recommendations: (1) Amend Los Angeles Municipal Code 62.104, which governs sidewalk repairs, to include new sidewalk inspection criteria that identifies significant defects in need of repair, instead of assessing entire parcels for compliance with accessibility standards; (2) Modify the prioritization system so that sidewalks other than those next to City facilities can also be considered for repair by the sidewalk repair program; (3) Exercise discretion so that more sidewalk repairs can move forward, while minimizing the need for extensive pre-construction processes; (4) Expand StreetsLA's capacity to provide quicker short-term responses to sidewalk problems reported by the public; (5) Implement long-term solutions to sidewalk repair in concert with the Willits-focused sidewalk repair program; (6) Invest in a citywide condition assessment of all sidewalks and curb ramps to identify locations that need urgent fixes and help the City meet its ADA obligations; and (7) Pursue additional funding opportunities to address the mounting backlog of sidewalk requests.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1367 in advancing a better sidewalk repair strategy.

➤ **Rationale:** The WNC should encourage an improved process for addressing broken sidewalks.

ISSUE: CITY MEDIANS / SUSTAINABLE COMPONENTS

CF# 21-1386 (BLUMENFIELD) – 11/23/2021

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- Councilmember's motion proposes "that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to report on the City's inventory of medians and median condition, the additional resources that would be needed to make necessary repairs and improvements to and to adequately maintain improved medians, and on the Bureau's plans and needed resources to design, install, and maintain improvements for unimproved medians throughout the City, incorporating environmentally sustainable components."

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1386 in advancing a sustainable median strategy.

➤ **Rationale:** The WNC should encourage a process for advancing sustainable city medians.

ISSUE: CITY MEDIANS / REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

CF# 21-1469 (BLUMENFIELD/BONIN/RAMAN) – 12/8/2021

PUBLIC WORKS & PERSONNEL, AUDITS AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEES

- Councilmember's motion proposes that (1) "the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services, the Department of Transportation, the Department on Disability, and other relevant departments, to report back within 60 days with recommendations for improvements or changes to the City's sidewalk programs;" (2) "the City

Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering to report back within 60 days with a recommended scope and budget for a citywide sidewalk inventory and assessment;” (3) “the City Council instruct the Bureau of Street Services to report back within 60 days with the budget and position authority needed to achieve parity in response times between pothole repair and sidewalk hazard mitigation; and” (4) “the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to report back within 60 days regarding the availability of funding from the federal infrastructure bill or other sources that could be applied to the City’s sidewalk programs

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1469 in advancing a better median repair strategy.
➤ **Rationale:** The WNC should encourage an improved process for addressing city medians.

ISSUE: POSTING OF APPLICABLE ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS

CF# 21-1377 (DEPT OF ANIMAL SERVICES) – 11/22/2021

PERSONNEL, AUDITS AND ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

- The report from the Department of Animal Services requests the Council instruct “the City Attorney to draft an ordinance requiring the posting of certain laws applicable to pet owners at all pet stores, veterinary facilities, dog parks, and rescue organizations in the City of Los Angeles.

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1377 in advancing protection of animals and people.
➤ **Rationale:** The WNC should encourage safe pet practices and optimal animal treatment.

ISSUE: ILLEGAL FIREWORKS / BUYBACK AND REWARDS PROGRAM

CF# 21-1294 (LAPD) – 11/03/2021

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- LAPD’s report recaps a CD7 fireworks buyback pilot program in a partnership with the LAPD’s Mission Division and the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). Incentives ‘used for the buyback program consisting of retail gift cards ranging from five to 50 dollars. The event proved to be successful netting 500 lbs.of fireworks during the four-hour event. Based on the program’s success, it is recommended that the City expand the Fireworks Buyback/Rewards Program to other council districts covering the New Year’s Eve and Fourth of July time periods.”

Proposed WNC Action: To support CF# 21-1294 in formalizing this fireworks buyback program citywide to deter dangerous behavior that could harm people and the environment.
➤ **Rationale:** WNC should continue to encourage public safety and discourage illegal fireworks.

ISSUE: OPERABLE GUNS & LIVE AMMUNITION / BAN FROM ENTERTAINMENT SETS

CF# 21-1276 (KORETZ) – 11/2/2021

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS COMMITTEE

- Councilmember’s motion proposes that the City Attorney be requested to draft an ordinance prohibiting operable firearms and live ammunition from the sets and locations of television and motion picture productions taking place within the City of Los Angeles.

Proposed WNC Action: To balance public concerns about safety with the entertainment industry’s need to utilize appropriate props and special effects, either (1) SUPPORT CF# 21-1276 IF AMENDED to ban only live ammunition or (2) OPPOSE CF# 21-1276 UNLESS AMENDED to ban only live ammunition.

- **Rationale:** In November, the WNC previously approved supporting a similarly worded motion focused on the city’s state legislative program IF it only applied to live ammunition, but still allowed guns. This proposed CF now relates to drafting a citywide ordinance, so the WNC could take a consistent approach and/or suggest alternate wording to balance safety with entertainment industry creative needs. (November’s WNC vote reflected the board’s consensus discussion that the removal of live ammunition (while still allowing the use of real guns as props) could achieve the same result of safer motion picture and television sets -- without undermining the needs of productions or the entertainment industry’s contribution to the state’s economy.)