

WRAC POLICY MOTION

COMMITTEE: Transportation, Infrastructure, & Sustainability

TITLE: WRAC_Supports Council File 21-1224 regarding Bus Lane Violation

PURPOSE: Motion supports Council File 21-1224 regarding Bus Lane Violation Enforcement.

BACKGROUND: This motion is being considered by WRAC MTC. The background stated on the Council files is as follows:

In 2019, the City of Los Angeles and Metro launched a collaborative effort to implement bus speed and reliability improvements in support of the NextGen Bus Plan, which promises fast, frequent, and reliable service for Metro riders throughout Los Angeles. Most notably, the effort has resulted in new bus lanes on Flower Street, 5th Street, 6th Street, and Alvarado Street, with additional lanes planned on Grand Avenue, Olive Street, and La Brea Avenue. This rapid deployment of new bus priority infrastructure must be supported by effective enforcement to keep these lanes clear for exclusive use by buses during designated hours.

Earlier this month, Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB917 (Bloom), which authorizes an innovative partnership between Metro and the City to use automated cameras to enforce parking violations in bus lanes. Cameras mounted on Metro's buses will be able to record violations, with citations to be issued after confirmation by Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) parking enforcement. This new approach to enforcement is expected to greatly reduce the incidence of vehicles illegally parked in bus lanes, which is a significant source of delay to buses during peak hours. LADOT should work with Metro to implement the new program as quickly as possible.

THE MOTION: The MVCC is FOR Council File 21-1224 regarding Bus Lane Violation Enforcement.

DIRECTED TO: LA City Council

ACTION/VOTE COUNT: