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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to requesting a report on the City's current status of compliance with AB 747 including a summary of existing evacuation plans or assessments; and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Park - Yaroslavsky):

1. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning, Emergency Management Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering, City Administrative Officer (CAO), and any other relevant departments, to report back within 30 days on:
  - a. The City's current status of compliance with AB 747, including a summary of the City's approach to evacuation planning.
  - b. A list and evaluation of all evacuation routes in high-risk areas within the City of Los Angeles, Including an assessment of:
    - i. Route capacity and bottlenecks, including consideration of density.
    - ii. Physical safety hazards.
    - iii. Viability under various emergency scenarios, including but not limited to wildfires, earthquakes, and tsunamis.
    - iv. Traffic and choke-point mitigation plans and strategies.
    - v. Plans for community education and evacuation simulations and drills.
    - vi. Alternate routes and emergency ingress and egress.
  - c. A strategy (or citywide approach) to improve evacuation route infrastructure, signage, traffic control, and public education.
  - d. A timeline and funding strategy for completing any updates consistent with AB 747.
2. INSTRUCT the CAO to report back in 30 days regarding state and federal grant funding to support evacuation infrastructure improvements and community resilience planning efforts, especially in neighborhoods identified as high-risk zones under Cal Fire's recently updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps.
3. REVISE the preamble of Motion (Park - Yaroslavsky) to read as follows:

"In 2019, the State of California enacted Assembly Bill 747 (Levine), requiring cities and counties to review and update their safety elements as necessary following the adoption of a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. This review includes evacuation route identification, capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios, including wildfires, tsunamis, and other natural disasters.

The City's 2018 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) was incorporated by reference into the Safety Element in 2021, consistent with AB 747. While the City adopted an updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in September 2024, and is in the process of amending the Safety Element to incorporate the 2024 LHMP, further analysis is desirable in order to determine if additional updates are necessary. Given the growing frequency and intensity of wildfires, particularly in high-risk areas like the Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, and other parts of the wildland-urban interface in Council District 11 and across our City, fulfilling this mandate is urgent and critical to ensuring the safety and resilience of our communities.

The Palisades Fire underscored just how vulnerable our hillside communities remain. With limited ingress and egress options, the evacuation on January 7, 2025 was chaotic, with unclear instructions, and residents trapped in gridlocked traffic, many of whom fled on foot leaving their vehicles behind, which further delayed and impeded the fire response and ongoing evacuation. Many were forced to flee with little to no warning, and several evacuation routes were overwhelmed within minutes. This real-world stress test highlighted longstanding concerns about our emergency preparedness and the adequacy of existing evacuation infrastructure. This event, in addition to the July 29, 2025 Tsunami Advisory - which impacted coastal neighborhoods also lacking in adequate emergency evacuation routes - reaffirms the urgent need to continue to comply with AB 747 and update the City's emergency planning to reflect current realities."

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On September 3, 2025, your Public Safety Committee considered a Motion (Park - Yaroslavsky) relative to requesting a report on the City's current status of compliance with AB 747 including a summary of existing evacuation plans or assessments; and related matters.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Public Safety Committee moved to approve the recommendations in the Motion as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE	YES
PRICE	YES
MCOSKER	YES
SOTO-MARTÍNEZ	YES
PARK	YES

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