

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Transportation Code - Narration by Tour Bus Drivers]

**Ordinance amending the Transportation Code to prohibit drivers of tour buses not regulated as passenger stage corporations or charter party carriers from narrating while driving; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

Existing Law

Existing law does not impose any restrictions on the ability of tour bus drivers to narrate a tour while driving.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would prohibit drivers of buses from narrating a tour when the bus is in motion on a public street. Drivers of buses that are regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") as either passenger stage corporations or charter party carriers would be excluded from the scope of the ordinance. Such carriers are generally those that are authorized to provide service outside of the City.

Background Information

This ordinance is intended to help reduce the potential for fatalities, injuries or property damage caused by tour bus drivers that are distracted by being required to narrate tours while driving.

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