

# TRANSPORTATION

## MOTION

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Providing a cohesive and functioning transportation system is a key element to improving the quality of life in Los Angeles. California has underinvested in the existing transportation network and is lagging behind in providing what is necessary to meet the needs of a growing population. Los Angeles County continues to rank as the most congested metropolitan region in the nation. Contributing factors include a large and growing population, the disperse geography of the region, high automobile dependence, low levels of transit usage and a mature highway and roadway system with limited options for expansion.


The Cities of New York, Baltimore and Portland have all released transportation plans that incorporate current and envisioned transportation and infrastructure plans. These plans serve as guiding principles for evaluating projects, funding and development.

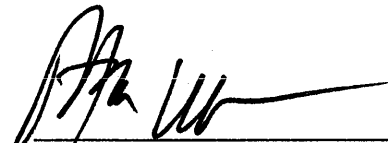
As the City struggles with growing needs and diminishing resources, it is clear that the City must articulate a transportation vision and lay the groundwork for its implementation. The operation and maintenance of the existing roadway system and the City's current transit programs could absorb all the City's available transportation funding. Yet, there is a growing need for more projects and programs to prevent further infrastructure deterioration, eliminate the existing project backlog and improve mobility. Regardless of available funding, the City of Los Angeles must develop a transportation strategic plan that provides a long-range vision and identifies a general set of directives and initiatives to preserve and improve the transportation system. This plan should identify individual strategies to manage the growing gridlock on our streets and roads, as well as the necessary actions to ensure that proper long-range investment decisions are made relative to the City's transportation infrastructure. Appropriate development of this plan will require significant inter-agency coordination and cooperation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in coordination with the Department of Transportation, the Department of City Planning, Bureau of Engineering and Streets Services and any other appropriate City entity, be directed to prepare a Citywide transportation strategic plan that articulates the City's transportation vision, goals and an action plan with initiatives, priority projects and programs that the City should undertake, as well as performance goals for the City departments. This plan should also include strategies for implementation.

I FURTHER MOVE that the plans for coordinating and executing this effort, as well as required resources, be reported to the City's Transportation Committee in 45 days.

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