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RE: CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION SESSION INSTRUCTIONS TO CITY DEPARTMENTS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE JANUARY 29, 2008 CITY COUNCIL HEARINGS ON TRANSPORTATION

At the meeting of the Council held April 18, 2008, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted	X
Attached motion (-) adopted	_____
Attached resolution (-) adopted	_____
FORTHWITH	_____
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s)	_____
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s)	_____
Findings adopted	_____
Negative Declaration adopted	_____
Categorically exempt.....	_____
Generally exempt.....	_____

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to City Council Transportation Session Instructions to City Departments in connection with the January 29, 2008 City Council hearing on transportation.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT each City department identified in Attachment A of the March 14, 2008 Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) report, as attached to the Committee report, to report to the Transportation Committee as specified.
2. INSTRUCT the CLA and the City Clerk to coordinate the processing and monitoring of the department responses associated with Attachment A of the March 14, 2008 CLA report as detailed above in Recommendation No. 1.
3. Amend Attachment A of the March 14, 2008 CLA report as follows:
 - a. Delete the text of Instruction 6 and replace with: "Direct the LADOT and DCP to work with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to study park-and-ride lots around Metro Red Line stops to encourage the usage of the subway and further explore extending Red Line late operations, with a possible pilot program."
 - b. Delete the text of Instruction 8 and replace with: "Direct the CLA to form a working group that would include LADOT, the Police Commission, DCP, CRA and the City Attorney to explore ordinance changes that would allow for the creation of a valet district in Hollywood to deal with various problems associated with the current valet program, such as over-leased valet parking spaces; lack of enforcement; need for more valet zones; conflicts between multiple valet companies; evening congestion and the lack of coordination between City departments relative to valet activities."

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CLA reports that there is no impact to the General Fund.

SUMMARY

On February 4, 2008, your Committee considered a March 14, 2008 CLA Report relative to City Council Transportation Session Instructions to City Departments in connection with the January 29, 2008 City Council hearing on transportation. According to the CLA, at its July 2007 Special Goal Setting session, Council identified Transportation as one of five policy issues to be discussed at a single topic Council Meeting in the coming year. Subsequently, on January 29, 2008, Council conducted a one-day hearing on transportation issues impacting the City. During the single topic session, Council considered presentations from two City departments relative to their current efforts to implement effective transportation programs. Presentations by local and regional transportation experts were given on several topics, including, the status of traffic and transportation in Los

Angeles, new and potential sources of revenue and transportation strategic planning activities. Finally, based on the presentations provided, the Councilmembers asked questions and issued instructions to departments.

The different expertise and leadership backgrounds of the panelists provided Council with information to obtain a detailed understanding of the key transportation issues facing the City of Los Angeles. The General Managers of the Department of Transportation (DOT) and City Planning Department updated the Council on the current impacts of transportation and traffic on land use and development in Los Angeles. The panel communicated to the Council their respective roles in improving the quality of life and travel for residents in the City. Additionally, they discussed the development of a closer relationship between the two Departments to more effectively utilize staff resources and produce transportation planning results.

The CLA then stated that a second panel presentation was held before Council entitled "New and Potential Funding Sources." Participants included representatives from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), a private accounting firm (Deloitte & Touche), the Los Angeles Transportation Funding Collaborative, and The School of Policy, Planning and Development at USC. Each panelist offered a unique perspective on the status of transportation funding and the need for innovative financing structures that could serve as new revenue sources. All the panelists spoke of the urgent need to identify new funding sources to meet the growing need for more transportation projects and programs in an era of declining federal and state transportation funds.

The final panel presented to Council, entitled "Strategic Planning for Transportation," discussed past experiences and current progress in transportation planning strategies for metropolitan regions. The panelists included representatives from the City of Portland, Office of Transportation, City of Baltimore, Department of Transportation and Alan Wapner, a City of Ontario Councilmember representing the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). The transportation strategic planning efforts undertaken by these agencies offered several helpful lessons for Los Angeles with regard to public-private partnerships, short/long term budgeting and planning.

Finally, the meeting was concluded with a discussion of the City's Draft Transportation Strategic Plan, and a summarization of the public comments received over the last two months. The majority of the responses from the public supported the City's effort to prepare the Plan and many individuals provided suggestions on ways to improve various aspects of transportation in the City of Los Angeles.

Council then approved the Plan's draft Mission Statement and Goals, as follows:

- a. Increase mobility and accessibility in Los Angeles.
- b. Transform Los Angeles into an environmentally sustainable city
- c. Protect the quality of life in neighborhoods through sensible land use planning and thoughtful management of the city's streets.
- d. Ensure that the City's transportation system is safe and reliable.
- e. Promote the long-term competitiveness of Los Angeles as a center for international trade.

- f. Develop sufficient and stable transportation funding to maintain and rehabilitate the existing transportation system.

The CLA was instructed to compile the list of instructions to City departments and to submit the list to the Council for subsequent referral to the Transportation Committee. Attachment A to the March 14, 2008 CLA report lists each instruction, noting the Councilmember who issued the instruction.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations, as contained and further amended, in Attachment A of the March 14, 2008 CLA report and detailed above in Recommendation Nos. 1-3. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
GREUEL:	YES
PARKS:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	YES
ALARCÓN:	YES
ROSENDAHL:	YES

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ATTACHMENT

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