In November 2008, Measure R was approved by the voters in Los Angeles County, committing a projected $40 billion to traffic relief and transportation upgrades throughout the county over the next 30 years. Measure R goes into effect July 1, 2009 and the City of Los Angeles will receive approximately $21 million in the next fiscal year. These funds may be used for projects such as pothole repairs, major street resurfacing, left-turn signals, bikeways, pedestrian improvements, streetscapes, traffic signal synchronization and local transit services. The City’s FY2009-10 Budget sets aside $16.57 million to begin to accrue the required three percent local match for capital costs for eleven regional Measure R projects that are located in the City of Los Angeles. During the Proposed Budget deliberations, Councilmembers discussed allocating all or part of this funding in the next fiscal year for numerous worthy projects. In order to decide how to allocate these funds for current and future transportation needs, the City should expeditiously begin the development of a plan for programming these funds now and in the future.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council direct the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Street Services to provide recommendations on how to allocate Measure R funds to meet the City’s current and future transportation needs.

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