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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any position of the City Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the last surface transportation authorization bill, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (SAFETEA-LU) expired on September 30, 2009, and since that time, the nation's transportation programs have been operating under a series of short-term extension, the most recent of which is set to expire in March 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that Congress provide sufficient resources to maintain the nation's transportation assets in a state of good repair and expand systems to meet a growing demand in the future; and

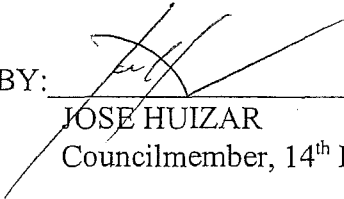
WHEREAS, the enactment of a long-term federal bill would provide the certainty necessary for planning and implementation of transportation programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, increased federal investment in public transportation funding is necessary, however, in light of the nation's fiscal challenges, at a minimum, current levels of funding must be maintained to preclude a further decline in the nation's infrastructure and the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, it is also critical that federal funding commitment for the replacement of the City's 6th Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement Project be maintained to ensure that the project is not delayed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2011-12 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for legislation that provides for a robust, multi-modal, multi-year surface transportation funding authorization to finance infrastructure improvements, at not less than current program funding levels, and provides dedicated resources for financing tools such as the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans and the proposed America Fast Forward initiative, as well the necessary resources to maintain the federal commitment for the replacement of the City's 6th Street Viaduct Seismic Improvement Project .

PRESENTED BY: _____


JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: _____



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