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May 24, 2012

Honorable Joe Buscaino, Chair
Public Works Committee
Los Angeles City Council

c/o Michael Espinosa
City Clerk
City Hall Room 395

Dear Councilmember Buscaino and Honorable Members:

**COLORADO BOULEVARD / FIGUEROA STREET / SINK HOLE – COUNCIL FILE
NO. 11-1829**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council declare the project an urgent necessity in order for the Bureau of Engineering to award the project using an emergency on-call contractor.

Transmitted herein is the Bureau of Engineering Geotechnical Report for the Colorado Boulevard/Figueroa Street Sink Hole for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Christopher Johnson at the Geotechnical Engineering Group of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 847 – 0538.

Sincerely,

Gary Lee Moore, P.E.
City Engineer

cc: Councilmember Jose Huizar, Council District 14
Vincent Jones, Bureau of Engineering
Christopher Johnson, Bureau of Engineering

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: May 24, 2012

To: Gary Lee Moore, P.E.
City Engineer

From: Christopher F. Johnson, P.E., G.E., Group Manager
Geotechnical Engineering Group



Subject: Progress Report for Sinkhole at Colorado Boulevard Northeasterly of
Figueroa Street, CD14, Council File: 11-1829

The sinkhole is located within Colorado Boulevard, approximately 0.3 mile north of its intersection with Figueroa Street, and impacts the east-bound No. 2 lane of Colorado Boulevard.

Initial response to the incident was by the Bureau of Street Services. The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) was subsequently notified by Council District 14 staff and prepared an initial field investigation on October 18, 2011. The BOE was subsequently directed by the subject motion to study the sinkhole and report with recommendations to remedy the problem.

Based on the nature of the distress to the street, the BOE has determined that replacement of the failed pavement and subgrade will be required and has recommended that a capital improvement project be developed to accomplish the work. Such a project is included in the 2012-2013 budget in the amount of \$432,000 utilizing Measure R funds. The BOE will make the recommendation to the Street and Transportation Project Oversight Committee to add the project to the BOE work program. If the project is declared an urgent necessity, it is anticipated that the project will require eight weeks to prepare preliminary design and bid documents, followed by eight weeks to award to an emergency on-call contractor to complete detailed design and construction.

It is recommended that the City Council declare the project an urgent necessity in order for the BOE to award the project using an emergency on-call contractor.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 847-0538.

Cc: Vince Jones, P.E., Deputy City Engineer