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Fwd: ACT-LA comment for Council File: 14-0163-S3

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On behalf of ACT-LA, I would like to submit a comment letter to Council File 14-0163-S3. We believe it is critical that this be fixed and the for the Los Angeles City Council to retain the Vision Zero High Injury Network (HIN) in the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) proposed Sidewalk Repair Program (SRP) prioritization methodology. The HIN represents the only prioritization criteria in the BOE-proposed SRP to include City interdepartmental coordination, social equity, and a tool to potentially accelerate and scale-up this program.

Sincerely,

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January 16, 2018

Dear Honorable Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr. and City Council Members:

RE: 14-0163-S3 Sidewalks Prioritization Program

The Alliance for Community Transit Los Angeles (ACT-LA) strongly encourages the Los Angeles City Council to retain the Vision Zero High Injury Network (HIN) in the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) proposed Sidewalk Repair Program (SRP) prioritization methodology. The HIN represents the only prioritization criteria in the BOE-proposed SRP to include City interdepartmental coordination, social equity, and a tool to potentially accelerate/scale-up the program.

We are concerned by last month's Council's Budget and Finance Committee meeting motion to undo this coordination and remove the HIN from the scoring system. Long-time underinvestment and disinvestment in LA's low-income and marginalized neighborhoods has produced unsafe street design and public infrastructure in our poorest neighborhoods. The HIN is one of few transportation planning methodologies that reflects the disproportionate need for urgent safety improvements in our most vulnerable communities.

We urge the City Council to draw on its own precedent (CF# 11-1872) of applying Safe Routes to School prioritization criteria based on citywide need. One year after adopting this citywide prioritization criteria, the City of Los Angeles was awarded \$22 million in statewide Safe Routes to School funds. We see that demonstrating data-supported need rather than geographical division leads to leveraging additional dollars for Los Angeles public investment. Addressing areas with the highest need, and therefore investing in projects with the most potential impact, should not be limited to intra-City jurisdictional boundaries. Retaining the HIN as one of the prioritization criteria for the SRP allows this citywide needs-based assessment to most efficiently and effectively invest public funds as well as address social equity disparities.

We envision a Los Angeles that is a transit-rich city where all people have access to ample mobility options. That vision relies on a commitment to eliminating the barriers and institutional policies that unduly and historically burden low-income communities and communities of color. We thank you for your continued leadership on advancing equitable solutions to our City's problems, and reiterate our strong encouragement to retain the Vision Zero High Injury Network as a prioritization criteria in the City's Sidewalk Repair Program.

Sincerely,

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