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The Honorable Ron Galperin
Controller
City of Los Angeles
200 N. Main Street, Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Date: 2-27-16
Submitted in PWGR Committee
Council File No: 14-1571
Item No.: 3
Deputy: Board of Public Works

Re: Street Damage Restoration Fee (SDRF) CF: (15-0600-S22) CF: (14-1571)

Dear Controller Galperin:

We are in receipt of your January 19, 2017 letter regarding the Street Damage Restoration Fee ("SDRF"). Thank you for the work you and your office have done regarding the SDRF, and for the collaborative nature with which you have approached this important issue.

We agree with your conclusion that an expanded scope of the Shahin and Associates report (the "Report"), reviewing the way the SDRF is calculated in order to recommend how to develop a new SDRF so the City will have the opportunity to fully recover the costs associated with street excavations, is needed and warranted. We also agree with the factors your letter sets forth as being critical to examine if the City is to optimize its collections (including "street type/designation" and "useful life"). Additionally, we agree with the points your letter raises regarding "cost recovery," "cost increases," and "concrete streets."

Thus, the Bureau of Street Services has asked Shahin and Associates to complete the analysis of the current scope of work and to expand the scope of the Report accordingly, and to expedite the Report.

Finally, we recognize that such an expanded scope accompanied by a request to expedite the Report will likely result in additional costs to produce the final version of the Report. Therefore, we will work with the City Administrative Officer to identify funding to be used to pay for the added costs related to the expanded scope and expediting of the Report.

Sincerely,


Kevin James
President, Board of Public Works


for Nazario Saucedo
Director, Bureau of Street Services

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti; City Council

