The Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is the citywide Program Administrator for the Transportation Foundation of Los Angeles (TFLA) Lasting Internship for Tomorrow’s Los Angeles (LIFT LA) program (C.F. 15-0495-S1) and is responsible for coordinating the placement of student interns within BOE and other participating City departments. In addition, BOE has a separate internship program for student engineers and student architects to intern with full-time City staff working on City capital and engineering/architectural projects.

Additional funding for the continuation of these internship programs is needed by BOE to maintain the current part-time interns as well as begin the process of offering up to 60 new summer internship opportunities to local college students in late February and March. BOE wishes to remain competitive with the majority of local agencies providing engineering and architectural internship opportunities, both private and public, by making internship offers before or at the same time as these other agencies. Accordingly, BOE will be able to make their engineering and architectural internship offers to their best candidates once the additional funding for the new Summer Interns has been approved.

As there is a critical and on-going need for part-time job opportunities for our youth, including internship opportunities for local college students majoring in a science, technology, engineering, and/or math (STEM) field, BOE needs to transfer $300,000 within their current budgeted funds, to provide the necessary funding for up to 60 student internships through their LIFT LA and Summer Internship programs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council:

1. Authorize the Controller to transfer $300,000 within the Bureau of Engineering, Fund No. 100, Department No. 78 (761/50S178), for up to 60 summer internship opportunities:

   From: 001010, Salaries General $ 300,000
   To: 001070, As Needed Salaries $ 300,000

2. Authorize the City Engineer, or designee, to make any necessary technical and/or accounting adjustments to the recommendation above to effectuate the intent of the City Council action.

PRESENTED BY: [Signature]
Bob Blumenfield
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]