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COUNCILMEMBER, FOURTH DISTRICT

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Councilmember Mike Bonin  
Chair, Transportation Committee, City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: CF 16-0395 – Measure M and Local Return Funding for Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of “D” and “F” City Streets**

Councilmember Bonin,

I am writing to express my support for Councilmember Buscaino’s Motion [CF 16-0395] which would, if Measure M is approved in November, allocate two-thirds of the City’s share of future “local return” funding generated by Measure M toward the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the City’s streets that are in “D” and “F” condition.

With a larger post-recession budget, the City’s Bureau of Street Services has increased its annual number of road repairs to nearly 7,000 lane miles since mid-2013. However, the majority of these miles are made up of slurry seal repairs which keep streets at a “C” grade or above in decent repair but cannot be used on failing streets. Those streets, common throughout the City and in Council District Four, are often left to fall into further disrepair due to lack of funding. For example, in the community of Los Feliz, almost 80% of the failing streets have been left untouched.

The Board of Public Works has consistently noted that with the current funding available, repairing “D” and “F” graded streets would mean allowing the salvageable ones to fall into disrepair. Without additional funding and a viable long-term strategy we will not be able to bring our streets into good repair, a situation that will continue to cause injury to residents, damage vehicles, and create liability for the City.

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If Measure M is successful this November, it is expected to generate roughly \$55 million in “local return” dollars annually. By dedicating a substantial percentage of these funds to road infrastructure repair, we have a unique opportunity to ensure our streets are motorist, cyclist and pedestrian friendly. The streets in my district are some of the most well-travelled in the City and in great need of repair. I strongly encourage the Council to dedicate at least two-thirds of Measure M “local return” dollars to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of our city streets.

Sincerely,



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CC: Council President Herb Wesson  
Councilmember Joe Buscaino  
General Manager Seleta Reynolds, LADOT  
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