

May 31, 2016

Los Angeles Councilmember Mike Bonin
Chair, Transportation Committee
200 N. Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 16-0395

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

On behalf of the thousands of Los Angeles residents who ride and drive with Uber, we support efforts to dedicate more funding for the repair of LA's aging roads and streets.

A 2015 report from TRIP - a national transportation research group - estimates the poor condition of Los Angeles' streets costs drivers over \$1,000 every year in increased vehicle operating costs by accelerating vehicle deterioration and depreciation and increasing needed maintenance, fuel consumption and tire wear.

Local streets form the backbone of a city's transportation system and are absolutely essential for sustaining a thriving economy. They ensure the efficient movement of goods and people from place to place.

Measure R2, the new ballot measure being considered by Metro's board of directors, would raise billions of dollars for transportation over the next 40 years, and presents a unique opportunity for Los Angeles to reverse the effects of decades of underfunding street maintenance.

We all benefit from better streets and enhanced transportation infrastructure. Economic growth and opportunity are closely linked to the efficient mobility of people and goods. Investments in our aging roadways can improve access to jobs, housing, schools and small businesses.

New public transit lines combined with the innovative shared mobility options like Uber are making it easier and more affordable to move around Los Angeles than ever before. We urge you to help keep our city moving forward by supporting this opportunity to invest in LA's streets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Ballard', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Ballard
General Manager, Southern California