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The City is working to implement the adaptive reuse of the former Lincoln Heights Jail located at 401 North Avenue 19. In April 2016, the City issued a Request for Interest to determine developer interest in this property. The responses highlighted the importance of adequate site availability and size to accommodate parking for a variety of uses. Located on the southern end of the jail site, is the Department of Transportation's Avenue 19 Yard (DOT Yard). The DOT Yard consists of DOT's Paint and Sign Division, which occupies 45 percent of the site and includes an office and warehouse totaling approximately 18,000 square feet. The Paint and Sign Division provides temporary no-parking signs, pavement markings and striping services throughout the City. Forty full-time employees actively work on the site on a daily basis.

A Request for Proposals for the Lincoln Heights Jail project is currently under development. To ensure that the Lincoln Heights Jail site is attractive to the development community and produces creative and positive project submissions, the DOT Yard should be relocated.

City staff has begun preliminary efforts to identify alternative sites for the relocation of the DOT Yard and a possible lease site has been identified nearby. Staff should be instructed to identify all costs associated with possible relocation and report to Council with the necessary steps that may lead to a lease agreement. Simultaneously, City staff should also review City property which could serve as an alternative site.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of General Services (GSD) and the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Attorney, to report on the feasibility and steps required to relocate the DOT Yard, located at 401 N. Avenue 19, to the nearby site or other site and include fiscal impacts, costs for tenant improvements, potential funding sources and timeline; a listing of alternative City sites within a ten mile radius of Downtown Los Angeles; and report in 30 days.

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