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REPORT RE:

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 71.29 TO THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL  
CODE AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPLEMENT  
A SHARED MOBILITY DEVICE PILOT PROGRAM AND ISSUE PERMITS TO  
QUALIFIED PILOT PROGRAM OPERATORS**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance adds Section 71.29 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) authorizing the Department of Transportation (Department) to implement a Shared Mobility Device Pilot Program to regulate the operation and use of shared mobility devices, and issue permits to qualified pilot program operators as defined in the Department Rules and Guidelines.

The Program

The draft ordinance sets forth a Shared Mobility Device Pilot Program containing the criteria established by the City Council in its Official Action dated September 4, 2018. The program will regulate and manage the safe operation of shared mobility devices, including, but not limited to, a dockless bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter and electric scooter.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

No CEQA findings are required if the City Council determines that adoption of this ordinance does not constitute a “project,” as defined by CEQA, pursuant to: (1) CEQA Guideline Section 15378 because the ordinance does not have the potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and/or (2) CEQA Guideline Section 15060 because the ordinance will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Urgency Clause

As requested by the City Council, the draft ordinance contains an urgency clause, which will allow its provisions to go into effect upon publication. As explained in the ordinance, an immediate effective date is necessary to regulate an operator or user of a shared mobility device for the health and safety of the public.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Sanitation, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Chief Legislative Analyst with a request that comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Michael Nagle at (213) 978-8130. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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