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Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) is undertaking a \$5.5 billion modernization program focused on improving access to and from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), reducing traffic congestion and enhancing the overall passenger experience. The project, called the LAX Landside Access Modernization Program (LAMP), includes several components including an Automated People Mover system that will connect passengers to and from the LAX terminals to a new Consolidated Rental Car Facility, two Intermodal Transportation Facilities and the Metro rail system. Several City departments, including the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), are providing staff assistance to LAWA on the LAMP program.

On October 23 and 24, 2017, LAWA has arranged for a tour of the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and a meeting with fire and building officials on its permitting and approval of the “people mover system.” Although older systems are available at airports in Chicago and Atlanta, Phoenix Airport’s people mover has been recently constructed and most similar to that proposed for LAX. These systems are unique and not addressed in the City’s building and fire codes. Therefore, the opportunity for a Fire Protection Engineer to observe the system, and to learn from the experiences of Phoenix fire and building officials, will provide LAFD with a better understanding of operations of the people mover system, including protocols for responses to passengers in emergencies. The travel cost for the LAFD employee will be reimbursed by LAWA.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council hereby adopt an exemption to the suspension of City travel to Arizona for the purpose of permitting one Los Angeles Fire Department employee to meet with officials of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport to gain an understanding of the operations of its people mover system.

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