Summary: On May 21, 2018 Laila Alequresh, FUSE Corps fellow commissioned by the city to “look at the system in which street infrastructure related services exist, to identify ways the City can improve delivery of these programs, and to highlight innovative practices within the City and other jurisdictions that can be scaled for success” presented the findings of this report to our general board.

We strongly urge the Mayor and City Council to take immediate action to implement these recommendations as they will improve coordination among City departments and external partners, ensure that delivery of Public Works services are executed in the most efficient and effective manner and improve the relationship between residents and city government.

Of particular importance is the recommendation made in item 1.2 of the report: Creating an office of infrastructure management to enhance communication across the various city departments that impact the streets of Los Angeles.

It is our understanding that the city’s Chief Legislative Analyst, in a report dated January 31, 2018 stated “[The CLA] agrees with the FUSE Report’s assessment that the City’s public works programs may benefit from the establishment of a citywide lead office on all right-of-way infrastructure programs. If Council wishes to transfer oversight of DOT to the Board of Public Works, this Office agrees that Recommendation 1.2 would be crucial to improving coordination and communication between DOT and DPW”.

CHNC is also strongly in favor of items 2.6: Bolster proper oversight and ensure best allocation of resources to prevent multiple agencies tending to the same asset by clarifying Bureau and department roles in overlapping programs and 3.3: Promote transparency with utility partners and the public by posting the entire projected annual resurfacing plan online with monthly updates of work completion in a user friendly format.