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Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee
Attention: Richard Williams, Office of the City Clerk
200 North Spring Street, Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, California 90012

SUBJECT: **LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018-19**

Dear Honorable Chair Krekorian:

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) appreciates the opportunity to provide a response to the Mayor's 2018-19 Proposed Budget. LADOT is pleased to be part of the core City departments entrusted to implement a robust infrastructure program in 2018-19. We appreciate and value continued investment in the City's key initiatives of Vision Zero and Transportation Technology.

Los Angeles Department of Transportation 2018-19 Proposed Budget Summary

The 2018-19 proposed operating budget increases the Department's total appropriations from \$158.5 million to \$166.5 million, an increase of \$8 million or 4.8 percent. The Mayor's budget increases the number of authorized positions from 1,616 in 2017-18 to 1,705 in 2018-19, an increase of 89 positions. The resources provided in the 2018-19 Proposed Budget will deliver the following objectives:

- Coordinate, design, and implement Vision Zero safety projects that support the goal of eliminating all traffic deaths by 2025 by focusing on roads with the highest rates of injury and death and protecting our most vulnerable road users, including children, older adults, and people walking and bicycling.
- Implement new projects and policies of the City's Transportation Technology Strategy, focusing on transportation data collection and analysis and studies and demonstration projects to prepare for the deployment of connected and autonomous vehicles on City streets.
- Improve customer service for the City's Parking Permit Program with new resources in administration to review and manage applications and field staff to implement of new parking permit areas.

- Improve inter-agency project delivery through new resources provided for the Sidewalk Repair Program and B-Permit plan reviews.
- Expand recruitment efforts and diversity in all facets of the LADOT hiring process to ensure equitable hiring opportunities and to work towards expanding the use of the Targeted Local Hire Program for additional entry-level classifications throughout the Department.

Additional Observations

The LADOT 2018-19 Proposed Budget includes a total budget reduction for General Fund savings of \$1.7 million. The Department anticipates that this reduction will have no impact on services provided to the public.

For 2018-19, LADOT requested a small number of in-house positions to perform minor concrete work related to new traffic signals to streamline delivery of small capital projects. This proposed budget locates these positions in the Bureau of Street Services. LADOT looks forward to an ongoing discussion focused on diagnosing and solving hurdles to project delivery.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration of this proposed budget. My staff and I are available to answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,



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