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The entertainment industry continues to be a significant contributor to the local economy. Feature film productions on-location in Los Angeles increased 11.7 percent in the first quarter of 2018, compared to the previous year. This marked the first double-digit increase in three years, according to the not-for-profit organization FilmL.A.

One of the challenges facing the film industry is the lack of outreach and coordination by City staff regarding street and infrastructure improvements. In addition to traditional street and road improvement projects, the Department of Transportation and the Public Works Bureaus are installing new infrastructure to address electronic mobility devices, vision zero improvements, and complete street projects. While these are positive and necessary improvements, they often change the character of the roadways, which may impact film industry activities.

Close coordination between City staff and the film industry on specific elements of the anticipated roadway projects and the timing of their construction is necessary and long overdue. This is especially true for project implementation at prime film locations, particularly in the area of Universal Studios, Warner Brothers Studios, and the Disney properties.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of Public Works, to engage with the Los Angeles film industry to initiate an ongoing dialogue regarding ways the City can better coordinate the planning and implementation of infrastructure projects in the public right-of-way to support this vital Los Angeles industry.

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