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Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chairperson
Honorable Budget and Finance Committee Members

Attention: Richard Williams, Legislative Assistant II

FY 2019-20 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) is very grateful to the Mayor and the budget team for recognizing the importance of investing in our street network as reflected in the Mayor's Proposed Budget. The men and women of StreetsLA are very excited about the Mayor's Proposed Budget and having streets, trees, and sidewalks front and center. The Mayor's Proposed Budget is the first time recently that failed streets, concrete streets, alleys, and trees are funded. It's very motivating for me to lead StreetsLA as we turn a new leaf in renewing our streets and enhancing our tree canopy. The Mayor's Proposed Budget will allow us to invest resources in cooling our streets in the face of the changing climate, making our sidewalks safe and accessible, and renewing our failed streets making them mobile and friendly.

StreetsLA requests further consideration by your Committee in a few key areas:

- **Citywide Sidewalk Vending & Westlake/MacArthur Park Community Market** – The Citywide Sidewalk Vending Report (CF 13-1493-S7) authorized 24 positions for this Program. However, the Proposed Budget includes only 9 of the 24 positions Citywide, along with \$0.81 million in overtime funding earmarked for the Westlake/MacArthur Park Community Market. These resources will not be sufficient for StreetsLA to ensure compliance with the new Sidewalk Vending ordinance, but also to implement the permit system which can assist in recovering City costs to run the Program.
- **Recommendation:** Authorize 24 positions approved by Council and increase the funding from \$1.4 million to \$3.9 million. Authorize StreetsLA to use overtime funding not only for Westlake/MacArthur Park, but on other vending efforts, to allow for greater oversight flexibility. If the Sidewalk Vending permit system is effective in January 2020, the City can collect an estimated \$3.75 million which would fund the additional positions being recommended.
(Fiscal Impact: \$2.5 million)
- **Advanced Planning Contractual Services:** StreetsLA advanced planning tools are the key to effectuating real change at StreetsLA. The Bureau is limited by its lack of data management and planning tools in the areas of street sweeping, asset management, tree inventory, and street renewal greatly impacting our ability to allocate resources most effectively.



Recommendation: Allocate \$3.0 million to StreetsLA for: a Street Sweeping Route Optimization Study (\$1.0 million, Potential Funding Sources: SWRRF, SPAF, Measure W), an Urban Forestry Plan and Tree Inventory (\$1.0 million, Potential Funding Sources: DWP) and an Asset Management and Inventory System (\$1.0 million, Potential Funding Sources: SDRF, Measure M).
(Fiscal Impact: \$3.0 million)

- **Risk and Liability Reduction** – Funding is provided for one crew to perform large asphalt repairs and interim sidewalk repairs to address some of the most hazardous street and sidewalk conditions. While this is a great step in the right direction, there are thousands of known unsafe conditions and having only one crew will not allow StreetsLA to mitigate risk as quickly as initially proposed.

Recommendation: None, however any additional resources provided would reduce injuries on City streets and sidewalks, and could lessen future payouts and litigation expenses.
(Fiscal Impact: \$0)

- **Private Development B-Permit Review**: Two positions that are fee supported were not included in the Proposed Budget. These positions are key to private development efforts and take away resources from other core programs.

Recommendation: Authorize the two positions that are fully fee supported and will have no impact on the General Fund. Total funding request is \$0.25 million but would be fully supported by revenue associated with permit fees.
(Fiscal Impact: \$0)

- **Citywide Tree Coordinator** – This position will lead a multi-departmental urban forestry coordination effort and it makes more sense for this position to be housed outside of StreetsLA.

Recommendation: Concur with the Board of Public Works to move the Citywide Tree Coordinator position to the Board Office.
(Fiscal Impact: \$0)

- **Failed Street Reconstruction** – Funding is provided for 28 positions to reconstruct failed streets and alleys throughout the City. The Proposed Budget also includes an additional \$17.1 million in various Special Fund Schedules earmarked for street renewal contractual funding as follows: Concrete Streets (\$7 million), Failed Streets (\$7.1 million) and Alleys (\$3 million).

Recommendation: Appropriate the Special Fund street renewal funding (\$17.1 million) to StreetsLA with the flexibility the funding for street renewal on either full or partial contractual services and/or overtime with City Forces, to allow for more flexible and timely project delivery.
(Fiscal Impact: \$0)

- **Street Sweeper Notification Pilot** – Four positions associated with the Street Sweeper Notification Pilot project were eliminated, including two Systems Analyst and two GIS positions which are essential to the pilot and our efforts to digitize routes.

Recommendation: Restore the four positions with no funding. StreetsLA will identify salary savings to fund these critical positions.
(Fiscal Impact: \$0)

- **Pavement Preservation Program** – The Proposed Budget includes a \$12.5 million funding reduction including \$4.7 million salary reduction (50 positions) and \$7.8 million in expenses.

Recommendation: StreetsLA may not be able to achieve the efficiencies to services assumed as part of this cut especially with the delay in opening Asphalt Plant No. 1. If efficiencies are not realized, StreetsLA may have to reduce the number of lane miles completed in 2019-20.

(Fiscal Impact: \$0)

StreetsLA is committed to making our streets safe, mobile and sustainable. We look forward to discussing with you the Proposed Budget in the upcoming deliberations. If you require additional information, please contact me at (213) 847-3333.

Sincerely,



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