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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

RE: LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2019-20

Dear Honorable Chair Krekorian:

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the 2019-20 Proposed Budget. The resources provided to LADOT in this proposed budget affirm the City's ongoing commitment to improving the City's transportation infrastructure. LADOT is pleased to be entrusted to deliver the infrastructure goals set forth by the Mayor, particularly the investments made in Vision Zero and with transportation technology. We also support the investments made in our Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Division to promote their safety and better delivery of service.

Los Angeles Department of Transportation 2019-20 Proposed Budget Summary

The 2019-20 proposed operating budget increases the Department's total appropriations from \$166.4 million to \$186.7 million, an increase of \$20.3 million or 12.2 percent. The Mayor's budget increases the number of authorized positions from 1,705 in 2018-19 to 1,757 in 2019-20, an increase of 53 positions. The resources provided in the 2019-20 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
- Provide our City's Traffic Officers with the right tools and supervision in order to perform their duties safely and confidently
- Effectively manage the City's Dockless Mobility Program using transportation data and analysis

- Improve the delivery of electric vehicle infrastructure with our partners in the Bureau of Engineering and the General Services Department
- Leverage City resources by increasing support for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant program

Additional Observations

The LADOT 2019-20 Proposed Budget includes a total budget reduction for General Fund savings of \$1.8 million. The Department anticipates that this reduction will have no impact on services provided to the public.

LADOT recognizes the complex challenges considered in the budget process. The Department appreciates the investment made in staffing to support the City's expanded DASH and Commuter Express programs. LADOT wishes to highlight this area for additional consideration for resources as potential understaffing may result in negative impacts to service delivery.

The 2019-20 Proposed Budget also includes additional personnel liaison services resources provided in the Personnel Department that will be dedicated to LADOT. Without the successful implementation of these resources, LADOT will encounter obstacles in achieving goals set forth in the 2019-20 Proposed Budget.

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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