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Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee
Attention: Mandy Morales, 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 2020-21

Dear Honorable Chair Krekorian:

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) appreciates the opportunity to provide you with our comments on the Mayor's 2020-21 Proposed Budget. While the City faces new challenges, LADOT continues to move LA forward.

Over the last month, LADOT enacted far-reaching changes to our day-to-day operations and service delivery in response to COVID-19. We support Citywide relief efforts and promote public health and safety while protecting essential transportation services. We enabled telecommuting for 613 employees; helped our field crews and parking enforcement and traffic control officers with personal protective equipment so they can continue to do their jobs; implemented 225 Food Pick-Up Zones throughout the City; adjusted signal timing and disabled pedestrian push buttons at nearly 900 traffic signals; implemented relaxed parking enforcement; assisted 384 employees perform vital services through the Disaster Service Workers Program; and much more. We have almost doubled the number of hours we spend directing traffic at food drops, LAUSD meal centers, and mobile testing sites.

LADOT remains nimble and responsive to the fast-changing needs of our City. We are proud of our employees, who have responded to these new calls for service. This adaptability and resilience will ensure LADOT meets the challenges we all face in the next fiscal year.

LADOT understands that the 2020-21 Proposed Budget is the first iteration of a funding plan that must respond to changing conditions throughout the year. Below are some of the major items included in the Proposed Budget:

- A total reduction of 3.53% to LADOT's departmental budget

- A net total reduction of \$14 million to our salary account which includes furloughs for all full time employees including Traffic Officers, and enacts a required vacancy rate of about 10%
- A parking citation revenue budget forecast of \$140.5 million
- A 5% decrease to the Citywide Vision Zero Program, and 30% on hold until January 1, 2021
- Other programs where new funding is reduced or delayed until January 1, 2021 include the Great Streets program (reduced and on hold), transportation technology (reduced and on hold), our Speed Hump Program (reduced and on hold), and the Special Parking Revenue Fund Local Return Program (eliminated).

Furlough Impacts

LADOT has over 52 business lines, many providing direct services to the public. The 2020-21 Proposed Budget assumes furloughs for all full-time employees within these business lines. Therefore, we expect service level impacts across all lines of work. Specific impacts will include: slower response times for parking enforcement and traffic control services, delays in signal maintenance, transportation infrastructure projects, and delays at our public counters like parking adjudication and development review.

LADOT recognizes the financial hardships that the City is facing. We will continue to serve with professionalism and dedication, and do our part as leaders and partners through the recovery process. As always, we are available to respond to any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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