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PUBLIC WORKS & GANG REDUCTION

In April 1988, the City adopted the Downtown Construction Traffic Management Ordinance (Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 62.250) to accommodate, coordinate and control development related traffic impacts in the downtown area. In October 2003, LAMC Section 62.250 was amended and updated providing for Major Transit and Transportation Construction Impact Area Traffic Management. The purpose of this revision was to minimize the loss of traffic capacity within major transit and transportation impact areas resulting from construction activity, including Metro Rail, Light Rail, busway, utility, private development, street improvement, street maintenance, and major public works projects.

Within this program, a "Street of Significance" (SOS) is defined as a major or secondary highway or a selected local or collector street that is determined to be necessary for the safe and efficient movement of traffic within, across or through a major transit and transportation construction area. Hope Street in the downtown area lies within impact area "N" and has been designated a street of significance. Several development projects on Hope Street located within impact area "N" were under development prior to approval of impact area "N" and are now subject to enhanced fees imposed by the Major Transit and Transportation Construction Traffic Management Committee (Review Committee).

Development entities planning to do work on City sidewalks and roadway within impact areas must submit a permit application to the Review Committee. Permit fees include a Traffic Management Fee of \$275 (per lane reduction per daylight weekday per City block), a surcharge and a service fee. Prior to September 2012, the Traffic Management Fee was \$220. For long duration closures, it is a practice of the Review Committee to issue permits for two month periods, with extensions or renewals at the end of the two month period and the payment of fees. In some instances, surcharges and service fees can be eliminated. There appears to be some confusion as to how fees are being applied to projects and the discretion authority of the Review Committee.

The SOS fees place a huge burden on projects located on streets within designated impact areas, and concern has been expressed about excessive fees. In that LAMC 62.250 was initiated in 1988 and has been amended from time to time, its appropriate that the Bureau of Engineering undertake a review of the goals, objectives, administration and the permit fee structure of the Major Transit and Transportation Construction Impact Area Traffic Management program and its administration, by Review Committee.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Public Works Department, Bureau of Engineering, with the cooperation of the Department of Transportation, and the Bureaus of Street Services and Contract Administration, be instructed to report regarding the goal, objectives, administration and implementation of the Major Transit and Transportation Construction Impact Area Traffic Management program (LAMC Section 62.250) and the operation of the Major Transit and Transportation Construction Traffic Management Committee; report to include an analysis of the permit fee structure associated with development projects located on "Streets of Significance".

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