COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE relative to including segments of 5th and 6th Streets into the Mobility Plan 2035 Bicycle Enhanced Network.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Huizar – O’Farrell):

INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and Bureau of Engineering, and in consultation with the City Attorney, to report on the feasibility of including 5th and 6th Streets from Central to Broadway, into the Mobility Plan 2035 Bicycle Enhanced Network, a network of streets that prioritize bicyclists, inasmuch as these two segments of Downtown are on the High Injury Network, a network of streets that has a higher incidence of severe and fatal collisions involving people walking and biking.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On May 15, 2018, Council considered Motion (Huizar – O’Farrell) relative to the feasibility of including 5th and 6th Streets from Central to Broadway, into the Mobility Plan 2035 Bicycle Enhanced Network. Motion states that the Mobility Plan 2035 is an element of the City’s General Plan. The Mobility Plan prioritizes bicycle travel on approximately 1,200 miles of streets and other rights-of-way part of the City’s Bicycle Network. Motion movers go on to state that community stakeholders are seeking to expand the Bicycle Enhanced Network to include two segments of Downtown that are on the High Injury Network, a network of streets that has a higher incidence of severe and fatal collisions. Motion recommends that the Planning Department report on the feasibility of 5th and 6th Streets from Central to Broadway into the Mobility Plan 2035 Bicycle Enhanced Network. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At the Transportation Committee meeting held June 13, 2018, the Committee Chair discussed this matter with members of the public. Community members expressed strong support for the proposal stating that bicycle lanes are needed in the area to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. The Committee Chair recommended that Council approve Motion’s recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER MIKE BONIN, CHAIR
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
BONIN: YES
MARTINEZ: ABSENT