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Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, Chair
200 N. Spring Street, Room 415
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Dear Honorable Councilmember, *Bed*

I would like to take this opportunity to express my strong support for the North Spring Street Viaduct Widening and Rehabilitation Project. There have been several modifications to this project since the last time it was heard by the Transportation Committee and I believe that the primary concerns regarding historic preservation and the total amount of bridge widening have been addressed with input from a range of stakeholders and creative problem solving on the part of City staff.

The project before you today has reduced the amount of overall widening from 20 feet on each side of the bridge (40 feet total) to 23 feet on the south side only. This one side widening solution allows the original historic features on the north side of the bridge to remain intact. Furthermore, several design options for the south side expansion were developed that would allow for there to be a differentiation between the original bridge and the new addition. This distinguishable modern characteristic is an important feature for historic perseveration and therefore I would like to select the design concept with differentiated features, double arch option, as the preferred alternative in the environmental document before you today.

In addition to seismic upgrade, the increased sidewalk width, bicycle lanes, traffic signalization and lane enhancements create a project that serves multiple objectives in a critically underserved neighborhood. The Spring Street Bridge is just one of many projects in the area designed to enhance connectivity as well as support river revitalization efforts. I believe the bridge will provide a much needed amenity to the community, increase safety, and serve an overall circulation benefit both locally and to the region. If you have any additional questions please contact Jill Sourial of my staff at 213-473-7001.

Sincerely,

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