TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to improved advanced planning, prioritization, and citywide coordination for transportation grant applications and projects.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report dated April 15, 2021, relative to improving advanced planning, prioritization, and citywide coordination for transportation grant applications and projects.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated April 15, 2021, LADOT discusses strategies for improving advanced planning, prioritization, and citywide coordination for transportation grant applications and projects. LADOT recommends using the Mobility Investment Program as a framework to improve project delivery and develop capital improvement plans for transportation investments. The Department also recommends improved interdepartmental coordination and advanced planning to pursue transportation grant opportunities.

LADOT will seek resources to augment the existing Mobility Investment Program and expand interoperability with partner agencies inside and outside the City family. In the meantime, LADOT recommends working with the Bureaus of Street Services and Engineering to identify near-term opportunities to improve coordination and more strategically pursue grant funding for transportation projects. LADOT's report goes on to discuss strategies for early project conceptualization and for submitting applications for transportation grant funds. The Department recommends that Council instruct LADOT and the Bureaus of Engineering and Street Services to adopt the report's strategies.

At its meeting held April 20, 2021, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. Councilmember Bonin stated the City must be prepared to take advantage of grant opportunities as the Federal Government invests in the nation's transportation infrastructure. The report's recommended strategies will help the City win grant awards and coordinate the project work of City staff. Committee expressed support for the actions in the LADOT report and recommended that Council receive and file the report.

MEMBER VOTE BONIN: YES KORETZ: YES BUSCAINO: YES

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Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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