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Councilmember Blumenfield and Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: 17-1311 FUSE Corps Fellow Report / Street Related Infrastructure

Dear Chair Councilmember Blumenfield and committee members,

Time and time again, we have found that many agree on the problems highlighted in the FUSE report, "Evaluation of the State of Street Related Infrastructure Programs in Los Angeles" (CF# 17-1311). We all recognize the City of Los Angeles struggles with infrastructure project and service delivery. The report is only the latest document to point out these concerns and not the first attempt to find solutions.

We are heartened that this Committee Chair Councilmember Blumenfield originally put forth a motion to create a Citywide Infrastructure Strategic Plan (CF#13-1384) back in 2013. And were supportive of the "Save our Streets LA" initiative spearheaded by Councilmembers Buscaino and Englander during that time as well.

Similar to the 2013 motion, the FUSE report recommendation we are most excited about is the **reinstitution of a citywide Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**, Rec 2.5. Infrastructure elements such as sidewalks and street furniture are routinely separated from mobility and transportation safety planning, even though these are all critical components for people walking, rolling, and reliant on transit. And Los Angeles is the only major City in the country that currently lacks a citywide capital plan. How can we develop a **multi-year plan and budget for all elements in our public right-of-way?**

We all share a vision: a safe and thriving City where the public right-of-way serves people of all ages, abilities, and modes of travel. And we are joined by many partners who want to dig into this issue: community leaders, policymakers, civic leaders, and public agency staff. The City of Los Angeles has great ideas already, we just need to come together with a plan to implement them and build the better City we all envision.

Today we posted our analysis of the Tier 2 and 3 recommendations from the FUSE Report. Both this analysis and our previous analysis of the Tier 1 recommendations from the same report are available on our website at: www.investinginplace.org/blog

We look forward to your continued leadership on this important issue and remain a willing and able partner to the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,



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