



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Members of the City Council
c/o City Clerk

From: Eric Garcetti, Mayor *EG*

Subject: **EXEMPTION REQUEST – LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS, (1)
DIRECTOR OF AUTOMATED PEOPLE MOVER SYSTEMS**

Date: July 29, 2020

On January 23, 2020, the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) requested that the Mayor approve the exemption of one (1) new position of Director of Automated People Mover Systems, Class Code 7266, in accordance with Charter Section 1001(b), from civil service as management, professional, scientific, or expert services exemptions. On June 30, 2020, the Mayor's Office asked the Personnel Department to review LAWA's request.

Charter Section 1001(b) allows up to 150 persons to be exempt, of which 146 are approved. Approval of this request will increase the count. As of the date of this letter, this request will be in the 147th position of the 150 exemptions. There are an additional 50 exempt positions added by the City Council pursuant to Charter Section 1001(b)(4), of which 9 are filled.

The Director of Automated People Mover Systems position will coordinate and oversee, both directly and through subordinate managers, LAWA personnel, consultants, and private contractors responsible for financing, construction, operation, maintenance, safety, security, administration, regulatory compliance, customer service, and support functions of the new Automated People Mover (APM) systems that is projected to transport 30 million passengers annually into and out of the Los Angeles International Airport's (LAX) Central Terminal Area, and the Consolidated Rent-A-Car (CONRAC) facility, which is the nation's largest consolidated rent-a-car maintenance and administration facility housing all car rental operations directly serving LAX. Both the APM and CONRAC are delivered through Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) between LAWA and private entities. The position will be responsible for and perform the essential

functions associated with the APM, CONRAC, and their infrastructure; including the review and oversight of the final stages of construction, commissioning, day-to-day operations, periods of high demand, service interruptions, emergencies, scheduled/unscheduled maintenance, and abnormal events; monitoring performance to ensure safe, secure, reliable and efficient transportation services to LAWA guests and employees; confirm that the PPPs maintain an effective and contractually-compliant workforce that delivers gold-standard guest experience; and act as a liaison between the private APM and CONRAC operators and LAWA.

The Director of Automated People Mover Systems position requires graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in engineering or a similar discipline; and five years of full time paid senior-level managerial experience in the development, operation, and maintenance of airport ground passenger transportation systems. Experience in capital improvements and operations of APM systems, and CONRAC or similar facility at a large airport or major transit agency is desired.

The exemption of this position will allow LAWA the flexibility to recruit and select the best qualified candidate who possesses the necessary experience and expertise for the position. The duties and requirements as described are appropriate to the class of Director of Automated People Mover Systems.

Based on my review of LAWA's request, as well as the review of the Personnel Department, I hereby approve the request for the exemption of the Director of Automated People Mover Systems position and transmit my action to the City Council, pursuant to City Charter Section 1001(b)(1). If the exempt position is not filled within six months, the Mayor's approval for the department to fill the position may expire.

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