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Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chairperson, Budget and Finance Committee  
Honorable Budget and Finance Committee Members

**RE: CF 22-0600 STREETSLA 2022-23 PROPOSED BUDGET RESPONSE**

The Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) thanks Mayor Garcetti, the Mayor's Office of Budget and Innovation, and the City Administrative Office (CAO) for their leadership, hard work, and dedication to develop the 2022-23 Proposed Budget that advances the City's investment in equity, sustainability, innovation, safety, and mobility.

StreetsLA is dedicated to building a World Class Street Network with a focus on innovation, equity and sustainability. The proposed \$225.3M budget and special fund budget allocations include critical investments in Pavement Preservation (\$16M), Urban Cooling (\$4M) and Electric Vehicles (EV) (\$3.4M) and EV Infrastructure (\$2M).

**Sustainability & Equity**

Recognizing the climate emergency facing the world, StreetsLA is ready to expand all efforts to decarbonize, cool, and build a more sustainable city. The \$3.4M budget will expand StreetsLA's EV fleet by 26 vehicles and the \$2M EV infrastructure investment yards will help launch the North Hollywood yard as a sustainability hub for Bureau operations. StreetsLA will continue to partner with sister agencies to build multimodal streets, and, in 2022, StreetsLA will inspect all bike lanes via electric bicycles to assess the conditions cyclists experience everyday in Los Angeles. The FY 22-23 budget for Cool Streets (\$4M) and the federal earmark for two Cool Neighborhoods (\$2M) will also allow StreetsLA to expand Cool Neighborhoods to ten (10) communities and ensure the proactive care of the urban tree canopy.

StreetsLA is also dedicated to providing not only equitable services but delivering equitable street infrastructure across the City. StreetsLA's asset management system will allow the Bureau to strategically address areas of the City with less tree canopy, poorer pavement condition, and other street infrastructure challenges to ensure that all Angelenos can live and work on great streets. StreetsLA will also continue to prioritize workforce development, training, and recruitment to ensure equal opportunities within its workforce. Sustainability and equity will continue to be cornerstones of the Bureau's mission and will be woven into all components of work. StreetsLA knows the path forward is not to simply maintain the streets we have but to build better streets for all Angelenos.

#### External Funding

The Bureau continues to work closely with Federal, State, and Los Angeles County agencies to bring more funding to StreetsLA to achieve critical sustainability and equity goals. In recent years, StreetsLA has successfully secured over \$340M in grants. StreetsLA's grant-funded projects are developed to advance our One Infrastructure framework, adding green and blue infrastructure to develop holistic and multi-benefit street improvements projects while ensuring focus on active transportation, urban cooling, safety, and accessibility.

#### Access Ramps for the Pavement Preservation Program (PPP)

StreetsLA appreciates the \$9.6M investment in the access ramp program to meet the Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that requires the installation of access ramps whenever a street is "altered". StreetsLA looks forward to developing an implementation plan with the Bureau of Engineering, CAO, Mayor and City Council. The Bureau's goal is to utilize the asset management system to prioritize locations that are on arterial streets, high pedestrian volume corridors, and locations that coincide with StreetsLA's design-build grants projects. StreetsLA will also need to prioritize existing concrete crews to build the PPP access ramps, and to ensure that external grant deadlines are met, which may reduce the ability to support other departments and programs pertaining to ramps and sidewalks.

#### Increased Sidewalk Repairs and Commercial Corridor Street Sweeping

Over the past several months, StreetsLA has worked closely with the City Council to address the City Controller's audit on the City's Sidewalk Repair Program (Council File No. 21-1469) and the need for regular street sweeping in commercial corridors (Council File No. 22-0123). StreetsLA recognizes that more investment is needed to address these challenges.

StreetsLA requests the City Council further the Bureau's vision for inclusive and sustainable streets through the following proposed amendment to the Proposed Budget:

1) Median Island Turf Conversion

StreetsLA requests funding for two crews to replace turf medians with water-efficient irrigation and enhanced native and drought tolerant trees and landscaping. These improved medians will conserve water use, reduce urban runoff, alleviate the urban heat island effect, improve air quality, and provide habitat connections. StreetsLA was awarded approximately \$10M of the Clean California Local Grant Program for two median conversion projects that will refurbish over 92,000 square feet of existing improved and unimproved medians. StreetsLA is also exploring other local, state, and grant funding opportunities to support this work. However, StreetsLA requires staff, equipment, and materials to deliver these grants. (Council File No. 21-1386)

Thank you in advance for your continued support of StreetsLA. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of these items further, please feel free to contact me at (213) 847-3333.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Mozee", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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