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Fwd: 4/27 Budget & Finance Committee Item #1 - Provide more funding for LADOT!

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Honorable Budget & Finance Committee members,

In the budget you will consider today, LADOT is dramatically underfunded. It's time to take our own Mobility Plan, Vision Zero, and Green New Deal seriously and fund them appropriately. People are dying in our streets, and our department of transportation lacks the resources needed to do the critical work to turn the tide.

1. The budget increases funding for repaving streets but doesn't correspondingly provide any increase to LADOT to do community outreach or design the streets. This mismatch means LADOT won't be able to keep up with StreetsLA's repaving.
2. LADOT's Vision Zero budget was reduced from \$65.6 million to just \$38.5 million, DESPITE record deaths on our streets. I demand that you INCREASE Vision Zero's budget, not decrease.
3. LADOT has 34 positions that they lost during the pandemic due, and they haven't been restored. These positions are in core services like signals, field crews, and district engineering. These positions are critical to LADOT functioning well, and they should be restored in the budget.
4. Despite the Mobility Plan and Vision Zero being adopted in 2015, and the Mayor's "Green New Deal" in 2020, the budget doesn't include the positions needed to implement these directives. LADOT requested 18 new positions, and currently will receive zero.
5. Our city is chronically underfunded with active transportation. We only have a handful of people for over 7,000 miles of road. New York City has over 6,000 miles of road – less than LA – and has 10x the number of people we have (close to 50 on active transportation).

Please provide sufficient funding to meet our City's goals to provide safe and comfortable alternatives to traffic congestion, to achieve our Vision Zero goals, and to meet our climate goals to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions.

Thank you,
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