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Los Angeles International Airport's Automated People Mover project promises to be transformative. Once completed, it will better connect our region to LAX, leading to a host of benefits. This includes less traffic congestion in LAX's Central Terminal Area and adjacent neighborhoods, reduced carbon emissions and a seamless travel experience for travelers, residents and workers.

In spite of its promise and anticipated benefits, its construction has been plagued by numerous challenges. Originally scheduled to open in 2023, the project has faced significant delays and cost overruns, leading to a revised passenger service date of December 2025. Further, to date, \$330 million in claims and change orders have been approved for the project, with the total amount of claims expected to exceed half a billion dollars.

The reasons for the APM's delay are as many as they are complex, some of which, like the COVID-19 pandemic, were beyond the City's control, while others could have been avoided. For instance, during the August 6, 2024 Trade, Travel and Tourism Committee, Los Angeles World Airports shared that \$262 million or 79% of the change orders to date have been the result of permit delays from other authorities having jurisdiction, including our own City Departments, leading to a delay of 457 days. Other reasons cited include challenges with interfacing projects and unidentified and misidentified underground utilities.

The City should learn from these delays and challenges to ensure they do not happen again, for the APM is just one of many infrastructure projects that are underway or scheduled to break ground at LAX in the coming years, many of which will utilize alternative project delivery methods as was used for the APM. The Landside Access Modernization Program and Airfield and Terminal Modernization Project promise to further revolutionize how residents, travelers and workers experience LAX with the addition of a new concourse, terminal and new elevated roadways that will separate airport traffic from local traffic, further reducing congestion. In short, the City cannot be its own barrier to successfully completing capital projects on-time and on-budget, especially as it prepares to host the world during the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

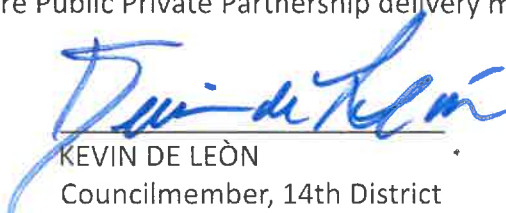
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST LAWÀ and INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering, in coordination with the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Street Lighting, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Building and Safety and Department of Transportation, to report back in 90 days on a process to better streamline LAWÀ project delivery including but not limited to a memorandum of understanding between agencies, identifying all off-site scope of work prior to soliciting bids, timelines for plan reviews, and any other strategies that will ensure projects stay on time and within budget. The report should also include recommendations to revise and improve contracting procedures to more narrowly define "relief events," steps to make the claims process more efficient and less costly, revisions to assessments of risk allocation and project contingencies, and further safeguards, if needed, to protect the City against future Public Private Partnership delivery methods.

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