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REPORT RE:

DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 21 TO DIVISION 19 OF THE LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND A NEW SECTION 85.12 TO DIVISION Q OF CHAPTER VIII OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURE HLA – THE LOS ANGELES SAFE STREETS FOR ALL INITIATIVE

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 24-0173

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. On March 5, 2024, initiative ordinance Measure HLA – the Los Angeles Safe Streets for All Initiative (Measure HLA) was adopted. Measure HLA added Section 85.11 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code and imposed requirements on the City to implement its Mobility Plan 2035 whenever the City carries out certain improvement projects in the public rights-of-way on designated streets in the Mobility Plan 2035. Measure HLA took effect on April 9, 2024, the date of certification of the March 5, 2024, election results.



The enclosed draft ordinance is intended to further the purposes of Measure HLA by providing administrative implementation processes and procedures, including a delineation of the respective responsibilities of City departments in implementing Measure HLA. The draft ordinance also provides a streamlined administrative appeal process and a time limit for civil actions for disputes concerning the City's implementation of Measure HLA to ensure the prompt resolution of disputes.

Los Angeles Administrative Code

The enclosed draft ordinance adds Chapter 21 to Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code. This new chapter adds additional definitions to assist in the implementation of Measure HLA, defines the oversight roles and responsibilities for City departments in the implementation of Measure HLA, and provides clarifications in applying Measure HLA to City work in the public right-of-way, including the application of Measure HLA enhancements for City projects already in progress when Measure HLA became effective.

The draft ordinance establishes that the Department of Transportation and Department of Public Works will be the lead agencies for planning and scheduling Mobility Plan Projects that may be subject to the requirements of Measure HLA, with input from the City Planning Department, Fire Department, and Police Department.

The draft ordinance further provides that the Department of Transportation shall develop and maintain the open data portal/website (Mobility Plan Dashboard) that is required by Measure HLA, which enables the public to have detailed information regarding past, present, and future Mobility Plan Projects. The ordinance requires additional information to be included in the Mobility Plan Dashboard beyond that which is required under Measure HLA.

Los Angeles Municipal Code

The enclosed draft ordinance also adds Section 85.12 to Division Q, Chapter VIII of the Los Angeles Municipal Code. This new section provides a streamlined administrative appeal process and a time limit for civil actions to facilitate the prompt and efficient resolution of disputes concerning the City's implementation of Measure HLA. Pursuant to this new section, Mobility Plan Project Appeals will be heard and decided by the Board of Public Works in an open meeting, with notice provided to the appellants. The Board's decisions on appeals will be subject to City Council veto under Charter Section 245.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the City Planning Department, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Works, the Office of the City Administrative Officer, and the Mayor's Office. Comments received to date from those offices and departments have been incorporated into this draft. Any comments received after the transmittal of this report should be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assistant City Attorney Edward M. Jordan at (213) 978-8100. A member of this Office will be available when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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