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The Department of Transportation (LADOT) is tasked with the hiring and deployment of crossing guards to assist children while traveling to and from school, and also designates the elementary school crossings where the guards are assigned. Currently, LADOT employs 518 crossing guards with an average daily deployment of 480 at 432 locations.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Adopted Budget maintained the same level of funding, a little over \$10 million, as previous years. A substantial increase in wages and bonuses for crossing guards over the years, however, has led to a \$3.3 million funding shortfall in FY 2024-25.

The Department has stated that the existing funding will be fully expended by March 2025, and continuing some level of service for the remainder of the school year within the existing budget will require severe changes to hiring and deployment.

While the FY 2024-25 Second Financial Status Report provides \$1,000,000 to help offset the funding shortfall, it is not sufficient to cover the full projected gap. In order to preserve current staffing levels through the remainder of the school year, additional funding is needed for crossing guards.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$2,300,000 be transferred/appropriated from the Unappropriated Balance Fund No. 100/58, Account No. 580383 (Department Payroll Reconciliation) to the Department of Transportation Fund No. 100/94, Account No. 1070 (Salaries As-Needed) for continuing the same level of crossing guard services for the remainder of the school year.

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