TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) NextGen Bus Speed Engineering Working Group.

Recommendation for Council action:

RECEIVE and FILE the LADOT report dated December 3, 2020, relative to the status of the NextGen Bus Speed Engineering Working Group, including the implementation of the first dedicated bus lanes on priority corridors and initiating community engagement on additional corridors.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated December 3, 2020, LADOT provides a status update of the NextGen Bus Speed Engineering Working Group. The report discusses improvements made in Downtown Los Angeles including a 1.8-mile pilot bus only lane on Flower Street, relocation of bike lanes to install a bus lane, and a proposed signal queue jumper to provide buses a dedicated signal phase at the intersection of Fifth Street and Flower Street. Other projects include the connection of a bus only lane on Aliso Street from Spring to Alameda Street to allow buses to turn from the existing bus only lane on Spring Street to access the 10 freeway Express Lanes with priority, and a study to evaluate the feasibility of a reversible rush hour dedicated bus lane on Alvarado Street from 7th Street to Sunset Boulevard.

At its meeting held January 19, 2021, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. The Committee praised the coordination of the Department's work with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Committee recommended that Council receive and file the LADOT report.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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MEMBER VOTE BONIN: YES

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