

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: It is extremely disappointing that the public toilet offering was not considered to be part of the STAP program as it has been a part of the Street Furniture program over the past 20 years. How was it made an optional aspect of the program when the mere operation of a temporary six-month program will cost the City over \$2.1 million dollars (with lesser quality toilet facilities in some locations now covered with automated public toilets)? How was the omission of this aspect of the program assessed when evaluating the financial benefits of competing vendors? From where will funds come to pay for the public toilets temporarily and on a permanent basis? There does not appear to have been adequate planning for any transition. The transition plan described is not adequate. It comes forward with great cost and no assurance that the money spent will not have been wasted on installing infrastructure not needed over the long haul. It is not clear whether extension of the current contract with Outfront Decaux would provide for better toilet access and the time required for CEQA review of the entire STAP program -- separating out the newly and inappropriately introduced and undefined additional advertising programs as well as the proposed change to the LAMC previously not presented to the public. There simply is not enough time for the City to do its due diligence on this program prior to year end, nor to consider the STAP program, particularly as now described but not adequately defined or evaluated for environmental impacts in the IS/MND. We regret being unable to testify at the upcoming Public Works Committee hearing scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving. We are not thankful for that scheduling.