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ERIC GARCETTI MAYOR

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Councilmember Paul Koretz, Chair Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee Attn: Adam Lid

RE: COUNCIL FILE TRANSMITTAL

On January 12, 2022, the Public Works Committee considered a Motion (Blumenfield, Bonin, Raman - Rodriguez) relative to various improvements or changes to the City's sidewalk programs, Council file No. 21-1469. After consideration, the Committee moved to amend the second and third moving clauses and to include a new recommendation. The revised recommendations are as follows (amendments are bolded):

- 1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services (BSS), the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), the Department on Disability, and other relevant departments, to report within 60 days with recommendations for improvements or changes to the City's sidewalk programs, including:
 - a. Prioritizing mitigation of significant access barriers over reconstruction of sidewalks and driveways in reasonable condition.
 - b. Options for reprioritizing sidewalk repair funded above and beyond the City's Willits commitment to better align with the City's safety, mobility, and accessibility priorities.
 - c. Reconsideration of the City's "fix and release" policy.
 - d. Opportunities to coordinate with other street improvement programs, including the Complete Streets Program, the Safe Routes to School Program, the Active Transportation Program, the Pavement Preservation Program, and stormwater programs.
 - e. Governance changes to help ensure that the City's expenditures on sidewalks are coordinated and fully reflect the City's priorities.
- 2. INSTRUCT the BOE, BSS and LADOT to report within 30 days with a recommended scope and budget for a citywide sidewalk inventory and assessment, as well as an assessment of the thoroughfares, that includes:

- a. The potential for coordination with other City asset management efforts, including the BSS asset management program and the LADOT Code the Curb initiative.
- b. The potential use of data from delivery robots and other innovative technologies.
- c. Identification of locations with missing sidewalks where construction of sidewalks would provide important mobility and safety benefits.
- 3. INSTRUCT the BOE and BSS to report within 30 days with recommendations regarding the resources, including budget, position authorities and equipment, needed to make interim repairs, including asphalt patching, grinding and cutting, to address tripping hazards and minor mobility barriers until more permanent repairs can be made.
- 4. INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report within 60 days regarding the availability of funding from the federal infrastructure bill or other sources that could be applied to the City's sidewalk programs.
- 5. REQUEST the Mayor's Office to include funding and staffing in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Mayor's budget based upon the pending report from the departments on a scope and budget for a sidewalk inventory and assessment and an interim sidewalk repair program.

This file is now transmitted to the Personnel, Audits, and Animal Welfare Committee.

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BLUMENFIELD: YES
LEE: YES
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O'FARRELL: ABSENT
KORETZ: ABSENT