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The City of Los Angeles is at the forefront of regulating emerging mobility in California. In October 2016, the Department of Transportation (LADOT) published *Urban Mobility in a Digital Age*, which outlines the Department’s strategy for utilizing transportation technology to achieve its core mission of delivering a safe, livable, and well-run transportation system. Subsequently, the June 2018 Strategic Implementation Plan and the March 2019 Technology Action Plan identified the need to create new digital tools to actively manage the public right-of-way.

The Mobility Data Specification (MDS) was developed by LADOT as an open source tool to allow for data exchange between shared mobility providers and fleet managers, allowing the Department to more efficiently and effectively fulfill its regulatory and operational responsibilities. The Department currently uses MDS to manage shared bikes, scooters, taxis, and buses. In the future, MDS could be used to regulate new modes of transportation, such as autonomous vehicles, drones, and advanced aerial mobility.

LADOT has developed Data Protection Principles that govern the Department’s use and retention of MDS data with standards for classifying, handling, and sharing mobility data to ensure confidentiality and privacy. These principles include data categorization, data minimization, prohibition of data monetization, security, transparency, and access limitation. The access limitation requirements prohibit sharing MDS data with law enforcement absent a subpoena, search warrant, or other legal process. To ensure data privacy protection, the City should codify this requirement.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance that would amend Section 71.29 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit the Department of Transportation from disclosing mobility service data to any law enforcement agency, other than as required by law, pursuant to a lawfully issued subpoena or warrant.

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