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VIA EMAIL

Re: DTLA MIP

To Whom It May Concern:

At our regularly held public meeting on **July 13, 2023**, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to provide the following comments below:

The DTLA Mobility Investment Program has the potential to deliver critical infrastructure investments that would otherwise have been difficult to achieve under ad hoc mobility improvements. With the increase of density and the unfortunate propensity of pedestrian and vehicular fatalities still occurring in our community, the need for the MIP program to provide holistic improvements in conjunction with other projects in the pipeline is essential for the long term prosperity and safety of our community.

As such, DLANC recommends LADOT study the following enhancements to the proposed draft project list provided by the department:

- Create a public space project at the 9th/Main/Spring Streets center median island in the Fashion District, such as a People Streets program plaza.
- Create a public space project at the median triangle at 3rd Street/Main Street such as a People Streets program plaza.
- Consider extending protected bike lane infrastructure along Figueroa Boulevard.
- Add enhanced pedestrian improvements to Figueroa Boulevard between 6th Street and the 101 Fwy such as improved pedestrian lighting, street trees, and ADA improvements.

- Consider enhanced pedestrian improvements to 9th Street between Stanford Avenue and Central Avenue to provide safer pedestrian and commercial activity for the Pinata District .
- Study the addition of a mid-block pedestrian crossing along Grand Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets.
- Study the addition of a mid-block pedestrian crossing with HAWK signal at Alameda/Palmetto Streets.
- Study the addition of pedestrian crossing enhancements with HAWK signals or Pedestrian-Activated Flashing Beacons at the following High Injury Network Sites (HIN) as high-priority improvements:
 - E. 14th Place / Central Avenue
 - W. 14th Street / Broadway
- Add Scramble Crosswalks at the following intersections as high-priority improvements:
 - Olympic & Figueroa Boulevards
 - Chick Hearn Court / 11th Street & Figueroa Boulevard
 - 12th Street & Figueroa Boulevard
 - Pico & Figueroa Boulevards
 - 7th & Broadway
- Study transit improvements such as the creation of a new DASH Bus line as an East-West Shuttle connecting LA Live to Arts District via the Fashion District.
- Add Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) signal upgrades to all unphased traffic signals in the Downtown Central Business District as high-priority improvements.
- Study the creation of additional pedestrian enhancements and connectivity across the 110 FWY to Council District 1 along 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Streets, such as the addition of sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, and ADA improvements.
- Consider the implementation of *Safe Routes to School (SRTS)* treatments to the following area schools to include enhanced pedestrian crossings, lighting, and curb extensions:
 - *San Pedro Street Elementary School / Para Los Niños Charter Middle School* (1635 San Pedro St, Los Angeles, CA 90015)
 - *9th Street Elementary School* (835 Stanford Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90021)
 - *St Turibius Catholic School* (1524 Essex St, Los Angeles, CA 90021)
 - *Inner City Arts* (720 Kohler St, Los Angeles, CA 90021)

*** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JUNE 13, 2023 ***

Sincerely,

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DLANC

Debby Zhou
Chair,
DLANC Livability Committee

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