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450 NEW LEFT-TURN SIGNALS WILL EASE TRAFFIC WOES

Los Angeles - In response to a request from Council President Pro Tem Wendy Greuel, the City Council today approved a plan for Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) officials to add 450 left-turn signals to Los Angeles intersections over the next four years. DOT officials said there are a multitude of intersections where left-turn arrows would help move traffic more smoothly, relieve congestion, and enhance safety for motorists and pedestrians.

"There is nothing that frustrates drivers more than the inability to turn left! Turning left in Los Angeles has become an adrenaline inducing sport and an unwanted exercise in patience," said President Pro Tem Wendy Greuel, Chair of the City Council's Transportation Committee. "If we're going to fix traffic, we have to look at the long-term solutions and the short-term fixes to get us moving again. Adding left-turn signals to 450 congested intersections across the city will not only ease bottlenecks, but will also help alleviate driver frustration, enhance safety, and hopefully shave a few minutes off of our daily commutes."

In her efforts to ease traffic congestion across the City of Los Angeles, Councilmember Greuel asked the DOT to examine the need for additional left-turn signals citywide. DOT has determined that there are approximately 450 approaches – intersecting major streets - that meet the criteria for installation of left-turn signals. The cost for installation is \$18,000 per approach and will be funded over the next four years as part of the Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control program (ATSAC) and various Street Lighting Improvement Projects or DOT's annual Signal Design work program.

The total number of left-turn signals in the City of Los Angeles will increase from 1,700 today to 2,100 in four years.

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