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**COUNCILMEMBER GREUEL TELLS DOT: TALK TO  
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Van Nuys – Councilmember Wendy Greuel will introduce a motion tonight at the City Council's off-site council meeting directing the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) to develop a communications plan that will enable the department to provide real-time information to commuters about unexpected road closures, special events, and other minor emergencies that create major traffic congestion. Councilmember Greuel will also ask the department to study ways for the public to relay vital information to DOT about accidents, illegally parked vehicles, illegal road construction and other factors that contribute to traffic congestion.

"Few issues impact the quality of life in Los Angeles more than traffic. It is imperative that City leaders create common sense solutions to move Los Angeles forward," said Councilmember Greuel, Chair of the City Council's Transportation Committee. "A clear communications plan that allows the DOT to communicate with the public and that allows the public to communicate with Department is critical to help us get traffic moving in this city."

Councilmember Greuel will also ask the department to determine the feasibility and cost of creating a position for a Public Information Officer within the department to help communicate with the public through the media and other mechanisms. There is currently no such position at DOT.

"I'm asking DOT to explore ways to provide real-time information to commuters through the media and through the use of enhanced technologies including e-mail alerts and text messages, and to consider investing in technology to provide residents with real-time updates on traffic conditions for their commutes."

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