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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 2

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**Subject: Rush Hour Construction on City Streets**

Los Angeles continues to be the most congested City in the U.S. despite successful improvements stemming from substantial investment in public transit and other operational treatments on our freeways and city streets. In order to improve our regional economy, our quality of life, and the air we breathe, we must take every reasonable action to further improve traffic in the City of Los Angeles and reduce delays, including effectively enforce the rush hour construction ban on city streets.

### **Prohibition of Construction during Rush Hour**

To improve traffic flow on city streets, we must avoid construction in the public right-of-way during rush hour. This includes both actual construction on city streets as well as the staging of equipment and materials, even if construction is not in the public right-of-way. Current City permits already prohibit construction on major roads during the morning and evening rush hours. This Executive Directive formalizes the prohibition on rush hour construction by any City department or agency on major roads from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., except as noted below.

### **Strict Enforcement of Permit Regulations**

Permits issued by the Department of Public Works for construction in the public rights-of-way prohibit construction during the morning and evening rush hours; however there has been no sustained effort at enforcing these restrictions. To give the prohibition teeth, the Department of Public Works must also enforce the ban on rush hour construction. The Board of Public Works shall be responsible for developing appropriate administrative penalties and procedures as well as enforcing the ban, including any regulations adopted by ordinance. The Board of Public Works shall identify and assign existing staff to enforce the ban, and shall augment the enforcement staff as resources are available.

### **Exemptions to the Prohibition**

In recognition of the priority need to protect public health and safety, it is the intent of this Executive Directive that construction activities related to emergency maintenance and repair are exempted from the rush hour construction ban. Exemptions should be



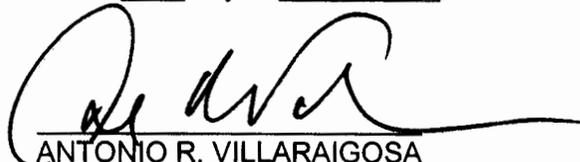
carefully considered for major public works projects and formal traffic mitigation plans shall be required for projects that receive exemptions.

### Summary of Required Actions

Pursuant to this Executive Directive, the following instructions shall be implemented:

1. All General Managers, Directors and Administrators of Departments, Offices and Agencies and Boards and Commissions of City government – including proprietary departments – shall be required to immediately effectuate and maintain changes to their respective operations to ban rush hour construction on city streets, except as otherwise exempted in this Directive or by ordinances, and shall be required to report back to the Office of the Mayor within 30 days with details confirming their compliance with this Directive.
2. The Board of Public Works shall adopt administrative penalties and procedures to enforce the objectives of this Directive and shall assign the appropriate staff to carry out this objective.
3. The Board of Public Works shall develop and adopt policy criteria for exempting major public works projects, consistent with all executive directives and ordinances.
4. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation shall develop and approve traffic mitigation plans as required in this Directive.
5. Each City agency or department who engages in emergency rush hour construction shall be required to notify the Los Angeles Department of Transportation; LADOT shall be responsible for posting appropriate signs and implementing traffic mitigations to minimize the impact on traffic flow.
6. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation shall provide communications support to the Department of Public Works in support of this Directive.
7. This Directive shall remain in effect unless rescinded or superseded by another Directive, ordinance, and/or other applicable law.

Executed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005



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