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PRODUCTION ALERT

New LADOT Requirements for Sign, Meter & Traffic Signal Adjustments

The Los Angeles City Department of Transportation (LADOT) is adjusting the way it handles filming-related requests in the wake of recent employee reductions, transfers and furloughs in the Department.

Mr. Paul Lobato, who previously served as our film liaison at LADOT, recently retired from City service after a long and productive career. LADOT staffers Michael Dinh (213.928.9620) and John Sam (213.928.9624) will now shoulder the responsibilities formerly held by Paul, along with their prior duties.

Permit seekers in need of LADOT services should contact Michael (primary) or John (back-up) at least three (3) working days prior to filming for sign removal requests, and five (5) working days prior for parking meter and traffic signal requests. When contacting LADOT, applicants will need to present an itemized list of the following:

- # of signs to be removed
- # of sign posts to be removed
- # of meter heads to be removed
- # of meter posts to be removed
- # of traffic signal lights to be controlled
- # of curb or pavement markings to be covered / have their color changed

As a failsafe against information loss, FilmL.A. will also collect this information on every film permit application. For the time being, permit applicants should list

their itemized LADOT needs in the “other” field of the “filming activities” section for each location. A near-future upgrade to our Online Permit System (OPS) should make entering this information less cumbersome.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. FilmL.A. will continue to monitor the City’s fiscal situation and changes in other departments involved with filming.

As always, we commit to keeping you informed via our Production Planning Department and regular Production Alerts.