The Los Angeles County of Department of Public Health in partnership with the City of Los Angeles Planning Commission, have worked in close collaboration with the Departments of Transportation, Planning and Public Works, various Council Offices and community based organizations (GreenLA, Silver Lake Improvement Association, among others) to establish a demonstration project in support of the Streets for People Program (S4P). The intent is to reclaim unused or underutilized right-of-way and to transform them to a welcoming public space.

At its meeting of December 16, 2011, the Council adopted a motion to authorize the Department of Transportation (DOT) to accept up to \$25,000 in grant funds provided by the GreenLA Coalition to off-set DOT overtime labor costs in the implementation of the first S4P demonstration project in Silver Lake (Griffith Park Boulevard between Sunset, Edgecliffe and Maltman). The motion also authorized DOT to negotiate and execute a memorandum of understanding with GreenLA/Community Partners.

For this project to proceed, it is now necessary to close Griffith Park Boulevard between Sunset Boulevard/Maltman Avenue and Edgecliffe to vehicular traffic. DOT has prepared the necessary closure/implementation plan. California Vehicle Code Section 21101(f) enables jurisdictions by resolution to "prohibit entry to, or exit-from, or both, from any street by means of islands, curbs, traffic barriers, or other roadway design features to implement the circulation of a general plan."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council adopt, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the following actions:

- 1. RESOLVE to close, pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 21101(f), Griffith Park Boulevard to through vehicular traffic between Sunset Boulevard and Edgecliffe Street by installing traffic diverters or other fixed devices that prevent access to vehicular traffic, but allow through bicycle and pedestrian movements; and,
- 2. FIND that action classifies as a minor vacation and is categorically exempt under Article 7, Class 5(3), of the City of Los Angeles guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- 3. DIRECT the S4P Working Group to report to the City Council on the status of the S4P Program upon the implementation of the Silver Lake Demonstration project.

PRESENTED BY:

ERIC GARCETTI

Couneilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

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