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The Silver Lake neighborhood is a beloved east-side neighborhood in Los Angeles with shops, eateries, cafés, and local gathering places, making it an eclectic enclave and popular destination. The neighborhood is utilized by vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians sharing major and local streets that connect the neighborhood to the rest of Los Angeles and beyond.

In 2013, after a 90-day testing period, a former four-lane portion of Rowena Avenue was reconfigured into a two-lane road (one traffic lane in each direction) with a middle turning lane and dedicated bike lanes on both sides of the street adjacent to on-street parking. Since the reconfiguration, concerns have been raised about the cut-through traffic on nearby local streets, particularly Waverly Drive and Angus Street, and the increased potential for safety hazards with cyclists and pedestrians, including children walking to school, parents with strollers, and joggers.

As a result, Council District 4 commissioned a study to examine existing conditions in the area, specifically along Waverly Drive and Angus Street. Multiple stakeholder meetings were conducted, the project’s engineering consultants analyzed existing traffic conditions in the project area, and then presented potential strategies to help mitigate or alleviate the issues observed.

It is now necessary for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to evaluate the potential mitigations presented in the report and determine the feasibility of implementing those improvements.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation report to Council within 90 days on the feasibility of implementing the potential mitigations presented in Kimley-Horn’s May, 2018 report entitled, “Rowena Avenue, Waverly Drive, Angus Street Cut-Through Traffic Study”.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering, as necessary, report to Council with cost estimates for each of the potential improvements presented in Kimley-Horn’s May, 2018 report.

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