Date: MAR 15 2013

To: Michael Espinosa, Legislative Assistant
   Public Works Committee
   3rd Floor, City Hall

From: Edmond Yew, Manager
   Land Development Group
   Bureau of Engineering

Subject: Temporary Closure of – Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street.

Transmitted is the City Engineer’s Report to be scheduled for Public Works Committee’s review and approval.

Please assign a Council File Number to this project and inform this office by returning this form.

Return to: Edmond Yew, Manager
   Land Development Group
   Bureau of Engineering
   201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 200
   Los Angeles, CA 90012
   Stop 901

Council File Number assigned to this project is 12-0126

Date__________________________

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Michael Espinosa
Public Works Committee
To the Public Works Committee
Of the Honorable Council
Of the City of Los Angeles
Honorable Members:

SUBJECT:
Temporary Closure of Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. That the street as shown on the attached sketch, subject to the conditions contained herein, be temporarily closed pursuant to State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 for a period of eighteen (18) months upon Council approval.

B. That the City Council find that this is categorically exempt under Article III, Class 5, of the Los Angeles City Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

C. That the City Council adopt the accompanying Resolution signed by the City Attorney.

D. That the City Council adopt the following findings:

1. There is substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activities in the street recommended for temporary closure.

2. The temporary closure of the street will reduce the criminal activity in the area.

3. The street does not provide necessary vehicular or pedestrian access to adjacent properties but affected property owners have agreed to the temporary closure.
4. The closure will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles, the performance of municipal or public utility services, or the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the street proposed to be temporarily closed.

5. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the street contributes to the criminal activities.

6. The street has not been designated as a though highway or arterial street.

E. That notification of the time and place on the Public Works committee meeting to consider this request be sent to:

1. Skid Row Housing Trust
   Attn: Brendan O'Donnell
   1317 E. 7th Street
   Los Angeles, CA 90021

2. Produce Apartments Limited
   676 S. Central Avenue
   Los Angeles, CA 90021

3. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
   445 S. Figueroa Street, 31st Floor
   Los Angeles, CA 90071

4. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
   Attn: Velma Marshall
   Director of Real Estate
   One Gateway Plaza, 14th Floor
   Los Angeles, CA 90012

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Bureau of Engineering is absorbing the cost of processing the request in the approximate amount of $5,000.00. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.
TRANSMITTALS:

1. Sketch indicating the area to be temporarily closed.
2. Consent Petition.
5. Draft of Resolution for Temporary Street closure.

CONDITIONS:

1. That any gates to be installed to effectuate a physical closure of the street area together with the gate locations be approved by the Fire Department, and the Department of Water and Power and the Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Sanitation’s Wastewater Collection Systems Division and be done under “B Permit” issued by the City Engineer and be installed at no cost to the City.

2. The keys to any gates to be installed be provided to all affected City Departments and Public Utility Companies.

3. The routine clean-up of the closed area be provided by the adjoining property owners/residents.

4. That the closed area be physically closed within 6 months of Council approval of the temporary closure or the approval be rescinded.

5. That the petitioners agree to remove the gates/fences upon termination of the allowed closure period at no cost to the City.

DISCUSSION:

On May 8, 2012, under Council File No. 12-0126 a motion from Council District No. 14 was adopted by the City Council directing the City Engineer to initiate proceedings to close Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street to address the criminal activity occurring in this area.
Commander Horace E. Frank of Los Angeles Police Department in a letter dated January 3, 2013 stated “After careful consideration, and review of the patrol response statistics, it is our recommendation that Industrial Street, east of Central Avenue, be closed to local traffic. Industrial Street, already partially closed west of Alameda Street, is presently a dead-end driveway to the nearby Skid Row Authority parking lot. This secluded terminus currently provides a location for abandoned cars, narcotic use and sales, loitering for prostitution, and other criminal activity. Limiting access to the street will greatly reduce criminal activity and the associated calls for service, as well as provide a safer environment to the immediate area.”

Conclusion:

The temporary closure of Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street is feasible subject to the conditions of this report.

Report prepared by:
Land Development Group

Phillip Martinez
Civil Engineering Associate II
Phone (213) 202-3487

Respectfully submitted,

Edmond Yew, Manager
Land Development Group
Bureau of Engineering
RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A STREET
(California State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4)

The Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby finds and determines that Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street should be temporarily closed for a period of 18 months due to serious and continuing criminal activities as determined and recommended by the Police Department; and

That there is substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activities in the street recommended for temporary closure; and

That the temporary closure of the street will help reduce the criminal activities; and

That the temporary closure of the street will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on the adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles and performance of municipal and public utility services and the delivery of freight by commercial vehicles in the area proposed to be temporarily closed; and

That the vehicular or pedestrian traffic in the street contributes to the criminal activities; and

That the street has not been designated as a through highway or arterial street; and

The Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby finds and determines that Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street as shown on attached “Exhibit A” is unnecessary to remain open for pedestrians and vehicular traffic; and

The City Council hereby elects to proceed under the above captioned provision of the said Code Section; and hereby resolves that the said street be and the same is temporarily closed; and

The particular portion of the public street which is to be temporarily closed is described herein as follows:

Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street.

The City Clerk shall certify this resolution and affix the City seal, and shall transmit a sealed copy of this resolution to the City Engineer.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the street area described hereinabove and shown on attached “Exhibit A” is closed for a maximum period of eighteen (18) months.
I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting of _________________ by a majority vote of all its members.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

BY ______________________
   Deputy

Approved as to Form and Legality
Carmen A. Trutanich, City Attorney

BY ______________________ 3-12-13
   Deputy   Date

Council File No. __________________________
CONSENT FORM FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF INDUSTRIAL STREET BETWEEN CENTRAL AVENUE AND ALAMEDA STREET

We, the undersigned property owners, consent to the temporary closure of Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street.

It is understood that all abutting property owners or residents, as well as certain City Departments and public utility companies will retain all rights of access and use of this street. It is understood that the construction and maintenance of the required gates and the routine clean-up of the area will not be provided by the City.

ADDRESS: 
Produce Apartments Limited
676 S. Central Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90021

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 
7/23/12
7/24/12
May 9, 2012

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 12-0126, at its meeting held May 8, 2012.
TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

PUBLIC WORKS Committee

reports as follows:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the temporary closure of Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Huizar - Englander):

INSTRUCT the City Engineer, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Transportation, to report with recommendations for the temporary closure of Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street pursuant to Section 21101.4 of the State Vehicle Code for reasons of public safety.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None Submitted.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on April 25, 2012; the Public Works Committee considered the Motion (Huizar - Englander) relative to the temporary closure of Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street.

An opportunity for public comment was held. After a brief discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MEMBER VOTE
BUSCAINO: YES
KREKORIAN: YES
GARCETTI: YES

-Not Official Until Council Acts-

ADOPTED
MAY 8 2012
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Skid Row Housing Trust have recommended that Industrial Street, east of Central Avenue, be closed to local traffic.

In making this recommendation, the LAPD made the following observations:

a. Industrial Street is already partially closed west of Alameda and serves as a dead end driveway to the nearby Skid Row Authority parking lot.

b. This terminus provides a location for abandoned cars, narcotic use and sales, loitering for prostitution, and other criminal activity.

c. Limiting access to the street will greatly reduce criminal activity, eliminate police response, and provide the immediate area with a safer environment.

The adjacent Skid Row Housing Trust has agreed to install a fixed gate across the entrance of Industrial Street at Central Avenue to control access to this area. The gate shall be installed and maintained by the Skid Row Housing Trust at no cost to the City.

The closure of Industrial Street at Central Avenue will abate local criminal activity, foster increased public safety and provide an enhanced community and work environment. Such closure is pursuant to Section 21101.4 of the State Vehicle Code for reasons of public safety.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Engineer, with the assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Department of Transportation, be instructed to report with recommendations for the temporary closure of Industrial Street between Central Avenue and Alameda Street pursuant to Section 21101.4 of the State Vehicle Code for reasons of public safety.

PRESENTED BY: JOSÉ HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

ADOPTED
MAY 08 2012
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
January 3, 2013

The Honorable Jose Huizar
Council Member, Council District 14, Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street, Room 465
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council Member Huizar:

After careful consideration, and review of the patrol response statistics, it is our recommendation that Industrial Street, east of Central Avenue, be closed to local traffic. Industrial Street, already partially closed west of Alameda Street, is presently a dead-end driveway to the nearby Skid Row Authority parking lot. This secluded terminus currently provides a location for abandoned cars, narcotic use and sales, loitering for prostitution, and other criminal activity. Limiting access to the street will greatly reduce criminal activity and the associated calls for service, as well as provide a safer environment to the immediate area.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Senior Lead Officer Jack Richter, Central Area Community Relations Office, at (213) 486-1160.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police

HORACE E. FRANK, Captain
Commanding Officer
Central Area

cc: Molly Rysman, Skid Row Housing Trust

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