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The Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) is implementing the Manchester Neighborhood Greenway project, which consists of constructing bioremediation elements, such as an infiltration basin and tree wells, at an existing 6' - 12' wide pathway located west of the 110 Freeway southbound on-ramp between Manchester Avenue and 87th Street. The Project is designed to capture and remove oil, grease, metals, pathogens, trash and other debris from storm water flowing from the 110 Freeway and adjacent area. The project includes landscaping, streetscape, and street lighting.

The project provides substantial benefits to the community, but those benefits will not be realized unless the project area is fenced and access is limited. This project is located in a high crime area and is often the site of police activity. The project location is also the site of a homeless encampment with the associated public behavior caused by the absence of public restrooms. In order to protect the integrity of the Manchester Neighborhood Greenway project and to provide additional security to the surrounding community, it has been recommended by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Empowerment Congress South East Neighborhood Council and at various community meetings that the improved walkway from Manchester to 87th St. be fenced and locked from sunset to sunrise.

The Manchester Neighborhood Greenway project will construct the fencing and install gates at the North/South of the right-of-way to prevent the site from being easily accessed and to mitigate the conduct of criminal activities. The LAPD's area senior lead officer has offered to take charge of providing daily access to the fenced walkway.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Engineer be instructed to report to the Public Works Committee with recommendations on the feasibility of temporarily closing the Manchester Neighborhood Greenway walkway located 25 feet west of the 110 Freeway southbound on-ramp between Manchester Avenue and 87th Street for reasons of public safety.

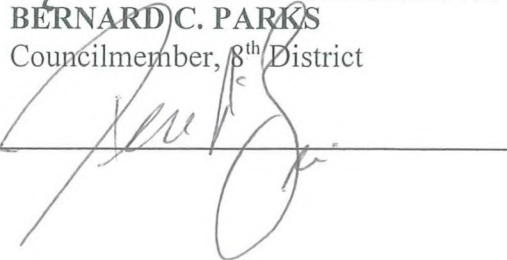
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Engineer and/or his staff designee solicit input from the adjacent property owners for their position of the proposed gate.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council find that this action is similar to a minor vacation and is categorically exempt under Article 7, Class 5(3), of the Los Angeles City Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA of 1970.

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