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Summary: As noted in Council File 17-0246, safety problems along the Pacoima Wash are well documented. Over the past several years, there have been several tragic incidents of individuals being swept into the Pacoima Wash. The death of Elias Rodriguez on February 17, 2017 is another tragic example of the threat to public safety that the Pacoima Wash poses.

In recent weeks, there have been periodic releases of large amounts of water through the Pacoima Wash with no announcements or warnings in advance to the public. While storm surges and other weather related events can be unpredictable, the communities surrounding the Pacoima Wash should, at the very least, received advanced warning of scheduled water releases. We believe too, that it is critical that upgrades to the infrastructure surrounding the Pacoima Wash is vital, such as installing appropriate fencing which will help better insure the safety of the public.

We support the main points in the original motion; the instructions given to the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of various parties to report back within 90 days (from March, 2017) with an initial assessment of infrastructure improvements necessary to ensure public safety and the safety of children, as well as pedestrian and bicycle accessibility (particularly with respect to existing overcrossings). along the route that begins at the Pacoima Dam in the County of Los Angeles, continuing to the Lopez Dam in Sylmar, down through the Pacoima Wash in Pacoima, etc.

However, we believe strongly that first or concurrently, the City of Los Angeles must focus on expeditiously implementing solutions to the known public safety problems related to the Pacoima Wash. With this in mind, we are supportive of spending \$2.5 million dollars to complete the construction of the Pacoima Wash Vision Plan.