

MOTION

Alhambra Avenue is an east-west thoroughfare that runs for approximately 1.4 miles through the community of El Sereno in Los Angeles. In addition to local traffic, many commuters use this thoroughfare to get between Downtown Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley. The existing street has two travel lanes in each direction as well as parking on both sides of the street. Additionally, it is primarily a large straight away with 2 sharp turns at each end and minimal traffic signals throughout the thoroughfare.

Due to the high rate of accidents at the intersection of Alhambra Avenue and Lowell Avenue, the City successfully secured funding from Cycle 6 of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to construct a new signal at this intersection. These federal funds, however, do not cover a much-needed sidewalk on the northern side of Alhambra Avenue between the City limit and Lowell Avenue, immediately adjacent to El Sereno Arroyo Playground, nor the need for additional safe pedestrian crossing locations along the thoroughfare.

In response to these additional desires, the City conducted community meetings to solicit feedback from the public regarding options to make the thoroughfare safer for pedestrians and cyclists. A comprehensive plan was developed and sufficient funding has been identified to deliver this plan.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, AUTHORIZE:

1. The City Controller to transfer \$450,000 from Transportation Grant Fund 655, Account No. 94LT43 Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Sheridan Street Elementary School Project to the Capital Improvement Expenditure Program Fund No. 100/54, new account entitled "Alhambra Avenue Safety Improvements"; and
2. The Department of Transportation to initiate a non-participating change order to the existing ATCS project, Central Business District ATCS Contract #C-129230 for the construction of a new signal at Alhambra Avenue and Lowell Avenue; and
3. The Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering, and Bureau of Street Services, upon approval by the City Administrative Officer, to draw down from this account as necessary to fund the safety improvements on Alhambra Boulevard; and
4. The City Administrative Officer to make technical changes as necessary to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY: _____

JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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