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Yucca Street, located in both Council District 4 and Council District 13, has temporary street closures prohibiting through vehicular traffic at the intersections of Las Palmas, Cherokee, and Whitley Avenues. The closures were initially installed in 1995 to discourage illegal activity, including the selling of narcotics. The closures are maintained in the form of concrete bullards which have aged over the years and are now considered an eyesore by the community.

The City's 2010 Bicycle Plan promotes the placement of traffic calming devices on neighborhood streets to reduce vehicular speeds and cut-through traffic to support bicycling and walking. Yucca Street already includes sharrows (shared lane pavement markings for bicyclists and vehicles) from Cahuenga Boulevard to Vine Street as part of a north-south bikeway connector.

The Department of Transportation is planning to create an east-west arm of this connector on Yucca Street by extending the sharrows west to Highland Avenue. This would create a comfortable corridor for bicyclists who wish to avoid busy Hollywood Boulevard and Franklin Avenue.

To meet the traffic needs while simultaneously addressing the crime issues that still persist in this area, Council Districts 4 and 13, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Department of Transportation are seeking the permanent closure of Yucca Street to through vehicular traffic.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation be instructed to report with recommendations and actions necessary to close Yucca Street to through vehicular traffic at Las Palmas, Cherokee and Whitley Avenues by installing traffic diverters or other fixed devices that prevent access to vehicular traffic, but allow bicycle and pedestrian movements.

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