

Your **TRANSPORTATION** Committee

reports as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to closing Yucca Street to through vehicular traffic at Las Palmas, Cherokee, and Whitley Avenues.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (LaBonge – Garcetti):

DIRECT Department of Transportation (DOT) to report with the 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; and, to designate Yucca Street as a bicycle-friendly street.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On January 4, 2012, Council considered Motion (LaBonge – Garcetti) relative to closing Yucca Street to through vehicular traffic at Las Palmas, Cherokee, and Whitley Avenues. Motion states that concrete bullards were installed in 1995 to effect the street closures and to discourage illegal activity, including the selling of narcotics. The bullards have aged over the years and are now considered an eyesore by the community. Motion movers go on to state that 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 from Cahuenga Boulevard to Vine Street as part of a north-south bikeway connector. DOT plans 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. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held February 8, 2012, the Transportation Committee recommended that Council direct DOT to proceed with the street closure described above, and that this segment of Yucca Street be designated as a bicycle-friendly street.

Respectfully submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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MEMBER	VOTE
ROSENDAHL:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
PARKS:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES