

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the extension of temporary closure of three walkways northeasterly of Sharp Avenue between San Fernando Mission Boulevard and MacNeil Street.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that this project is categorically exempt under Article III, Class 5, of the Los Angeles City Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.
2. FIND that the walkways, shown on Exhibit A of the City Engineer's report dated April 21, 2020 attached to the Council file, subject to the conditions contained herein, be temporarily closed pursuant to State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 for a period of eighteen months upon Council approval.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WALKWAY signed by the City Attorney.
4. ADOPT the following findings:
 - a. There is substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activities in the walkways recommended for temporary closure.
 - b. The temporary closure of the walkways will reduce the criminal activity in the area.
 - c. The walkways do not provide necessary vehicular or pedestrian access to adjacent properties, but the majority of affected property owners have agreed to the temporary closure.
 - d. The closure will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, the operation of emergency vehicles or the performance of municipal or public utility services in the walkways proposed to be temporarily closed.
 - e. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the walkways contributes to the criminal activities.
 - f. The walkways have been designated as a through highway of arterial street.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Bureau of Engineering reports that they are absorbing the cost of processing the request in the approximate amount of \$5,000. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY:

At a regular meeting held on August 5, 2020 the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a Bureau of Engineering report relative to the extension of temporary closure of three

walkways northeasterly of Sharp Avenue between San Fernando Mission Boulevard and MacNeil Street. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations in the report dated, April 21, 2020, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RYU:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
LEE:	YES

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