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**MOTION**

In 2006, the Mayor issued Executive Directive No. 2, banning-construction by City forces during peak traffic hours. Subsequently, the City Council extended this ban to govern private utility and contractor work during the same hours (Ordinance No. 178103, adding Section 62.61 to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC)).

The above actions were taken to alleviate the growing problem of traffic congestion on major streets during morning and evening rush hour periods. LAMC Section 62.61 designated major highways, secondary highways and collector streets to be subject to the prohibition of traffic lane closures during peak traffic hours, thereby relieving the public of intrusive travel interference at critical times of the day.

LAMC Section 62.61 allows special exemptions granted by the City Engineer under Special Order- No. 001-0406. Although the Special Order provides a clear set of requirements for exemption requests, including submittal of a Traffic Management Plan, the process is intentionally rigorous, and is meant to provide only those with specific and compelling needs to be allowed to close lanes on these streets during peak hours.

Although LAMC Section 62.61 has produced the intended peak hour traffic relief, it has reduced construction productivity by approximately 30% which significantly increases the cost of construction for permittees and the construction duration of each project.

In response to these concerns, the Department of Public Works has analyzed utility permits subject to LAMC Section 62.61. This analysis shows that 35% of these permits are for work in Collector streets. The Department of Public Works believes that Collector streets may not need to be considered designated streets as it relates to peak hour work restrictions.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 178103 to exempt enforcement of the prohibition on work or obstructions during peak traffic hours for Collector streets and to include a one year sunset provision;

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Public Works Department be instructed to report back to the Public Works Committee on a quarterly basis regarding the effectiveness and impacts of the Collector street exemption.

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