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## OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

January 17, 2018

**Council File No.:** [13-0997-S1](#)

**Council Meeting Date:** January 16, 2018

**Agenda Item No.:** 15

**Agenda Description:** CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (RYU - O'FARRELL - PRICE) relative to permanently closing the pedestrian tunnel underneath Hollywood Boulevard at New Hampshire Avenue.

**Council Action:** MOTION (RYU - O'FARRELL - PRICE) ADOPTED

**Council Vote:**

YES	BOB BLUMENFIELD
YES	MIKE BONIN
YES	JOE BUSCAINO
YES	GILBERT A. CEDILLO
YES	MITCHELL ENGLANDER
YES	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
YES	JOSE HUIZAR
YES	PAUL KORETZ
YES	PAUL KREKORIAN
YES	NURY MARTINEZ
YES	MITCH O'FARRELL
YES	CURREN D. PRICE
YES	MONICA RODRIGUEZ
YES	DAVID RYU
YES	HERB WESSON

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MOTION

In the 1920s and 1930s, the City constructed numerous pedestrian tunnels under busy streets to provide safe passages for children walking to and from school. Over many decades, most of these tunnels have been closed due to public safety concerns and maintenance challenges.

Local residents have expressed their safety concern for a pedestrian tunnel that exists underneath Hollywood Boulevard at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue that is heavily utilized by local children to attend the nearby Los Feliz Elementary School.

As a result of homeless encampments, graffiti, piles of trash and debris, and other blight in and around the tunnel, action is immediately needed for the permanent closure of this tunnel. Improving the daily commuter safety of grade school students is a top priority in Council Districts Four and Thirteen, whose districts this tunnel connects.

The tunnel closure design and construction could be prepared by the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) and the work advertised for competitive bidding.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering, with assistance as needed from the Bureau of Street Services, the City Administrative Officer, and the Chief Legislative Analyst, be instructed to report with recommendations to permanently close the pedestrian tunnel underneath Hollywood Boulevard at New Hampshire Avenue, as well as provide estimated costs and funding options.

PRESENTED BY   
DAVID E. RYU  
Councilmember, 4<sup>th</sup> District

PRESENTED BY   
MITCH O'FARRELL  
Councilmember, 13<sup>th</sup> District

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