

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.

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