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MOTION

The expansion of the Van Nuys Airport runway many years ago necessitated the development of the Sherman Way Tunnel. This tunnel serves as a gateway to the Lake Balboa community, as well as a gateway to the Van Nuys Airport - welcoming those who utilize the airport.

The Sherman Way Tunnel can also pose potential security challenges for the safety of the users of the airport. For some time it has been a constant struggle for City departments to maintain the facility, to maintain proper lighting and to provide other security measures for the tunnel.

The City should launch a comprehensive approach for addressing the needs of the Sherman Way Tunnel — one that identifies funding, potential solutions to graffiti, improved lighting and security for the betterment of the entire community. This effort should include discussion of a proposal, currently pending in the Budget and Finance as well as the Public Safety Committees, introduced during our last Budget process (14-0600-S235) which instructs the Police Department to expend \$100,000 (Recommendation 38) for six traffic/surveillance cameras in the Sherman Way Underpass at the Van Nuys Airport that would link to the LAPD West Valley Division.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services, with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Lighting, Airport Department, Police Department, Board of Public Works -Office of Community Beautification, and in consultation with Council District 6 as well as the Van Nuys Airport Association, to review and make recommendations for the maintenance, security and beautification of the Sherman Way tunnel, as well as to identify potential funding for this purpose.

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