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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.

In 1924, the City constructed a pedestrian tunnel underneath Sunset Boulevard at Golden Gate Avenue adjacent to Micheltorena Elementary School. The eight-foot wide tunnel was fenced and closed many years ago, however, the locks are repeatedly vandalized. The hidden location has become a site for criminal activity, homeless encampments, graffiti damage, and piles of trash and debris.

The local residents and the Police Department have expressed concerns for the safety of students who attend Micheltorena Elementary School and the surrounding community. Action is needed to permanently close the pedestrian tunnel at this location.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct Bureau of Street Services and the City Engineer to report with recommendations to permanently close the pedestrian tunnel underneath Sunset Boulevard at Golden Gate Avenue, as well as estimated costs and funding options.

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