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Decades of unabated pollution from the Exide Technologies battery recycling plant in Vernon have resulted in a legacy of widespread soil contamination in Boyle Heights and Southeast Los Angeles. Site closure and clean-up activities by the State Department of Toxic Substances Control [DTSC] are underway in an attempt to remediate dangerous levels of lead contamination in the soil of residential properties, schools, daycare centers, and parks within a 1.7 mile radius from the now-closed Exide facility, which includes portions of the City in Council District 14.

The residential clean-up activities will be conducted with the use of heavy machinery to remove contaminated soil from homes in Boyle Heights. Heavy-duty trucks will carry out contaminated soil out of the residential neighborhoods.

Community members have raised concerns about traffic congestion, street parking, potential interruptions to scheduled trash pick-up and street cleaning during the closure and clean-up activities.

In addition, it is in the interest of the City's residents that heavy equipment and trucks carrying contaminated soil are routed so as to reduce impacts on residential streets and are covered so as to prevent dirt and dust from being dispersed and potentially contaminating property.

In response to a Council motion expressing concerns about the DTSC Site Closure Plan [file #16-0181, Huizar - Harris-Dawson], L.A. Sanitation submitted comments on March 26, 2016, that proposed various conditions to ensure the safe transport of hazardous materials and contaminated soil and the prevention of airborne contamination related to closure activities.

Since that time, the DTSC has reached out to the City of Los Angeles and other neighboring cities to develop a traffic congestion plans to help alleviate local disruptions during the soil removal process.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Transportation and L.A. Sanitation coordinate with the State Department of Toxic Substance Control and report to Council in 30 days with recommended traffic related plans, haul routes and conditions to minimize potential impacts to City Services and to neighborhoods in the City from closure and clean-up activities related to the Exide Technologies facility.

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