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Sunset Boulevard from Kenter Avenue to the I-405 Freeway experiences high levels of congestion, most notably in the eastbound direction during the evening traffic peak period. This traffic congestion results in extreme gridlock, as there are no east/west corridors north of Sunset Boulevard, nor northbound through streets to offer alternative options for motorists.

The City and Caltrans are partnering in an effort to use technology to improve access to the I-405 Freeway from the I-10 to the US-101 Freeways. Comparable efforts should be undertaken to improve the surrounding traffic flow.

One relatively low-cost option to reduce congestion may be to implement a reversible lane on Sunset Boulevard, as it would eliminate the expense of adding new traffic lanes. Reversible traffic lanes add peak-direction capacity and decrease congestion by borrowing available lane capacity from the other (off-peak) direction or from the center left turn lane. Implementation of reversible lanes can be accomplished by temporary or permanent barriers, overhead traffic lights, and lighted street signs that notify drivers which lanes are open or closed to driving or turning.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study for a reversible lane on Sunset Boulevard eastbound between Kenter Avenue and the I-405 Freeway to reduce congestion during peak travel periods, including examining directional flows, constraints on left-turn movements, optimal hours of operations, and potential impacts to surrounding streets and neighborhoods; and consideration of temporary versus permanent reversible lane installations and their estimated costs.

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