

TRANSPORTATION

MOTION

Balboa Boulevard is a local road that connects the San Fernando Valley from north to south. It is often utilized by commuters as an arterial or collector street, functioning as a secondary highway by connecting commuters from the I-5 and the SR-118 to other points in the valley or to other areas outside the San Fernando Valley.

Balboa Boulevard is not designed to handle all that traffic bypassing major interstate freeways, so traffic congestion on Balboa has only gotten worse through the years. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) recently began a lengthy construction project at the intersection of Balboa Boulevard and Rinaldi Street, further exacerbating the existing daily traffic congestion. This situation has led to an alarming increase in traffic using the surrounding residential communities every day. Vehicles are often backed up for several blocks at streets that intersect with Balboa Boulevard, creating public safety issues and quality of life concerns for the residents. Immediate action is needed to increase traffic safety in this area by posting access and turn restrictions in the area.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation to temporarily post the following traffic restriction signs to mitigate traffic impacts caused by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power construction project at the intersection of Balboa Boulevard and Rinaldi Street, as follows:

1. "No Left Turn 4-7p.m. Monday-Friday" from eastbound Rinaldi Street to northbound Andasol Avenue.

2. "No Left Turn 4-7 p.m. Monday-Friday" from eastbound Sesnon Boulevard, Lisette Street, Westbury Drive, Jolette Avenue, Midwood Drive, Lorillard Street, and Halsey Street to northbound Balboa Boulevard.

3. "No Access to Northbound Balboa Boulevard 4-7 p.m. Monday-Friday" for eastbound traffic on Rinaldi Boulevard to northbound Shoshone Avenue and Louise Avenue.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be given the authority to modify or amend these restrictions as they deem necessary to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY: _____


GREIG SMITH
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY: _____



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