

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT, and RESOLUTION relative to the temporary closure of certain street segments in Council District 13 by installing traffic barriers to implement Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Projects pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 80.35(a).

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (O'Farrell – Krekorian):

1. AUTHORIZE, pursuant to LAMC Section 80.35(a), the temporary closure of the following street segments by installing traffic barriers that prevent access to vehicular traffic, but allow through pedestrian movement to implement the following Safe Routes To School Project:
  - a. Approximately 200 feet of Westmoreland Avenue, between Melrose Avenue and Clinton Street between the hours of 7:00 am. to 8:00 am between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 3:00p.m. at Dayton Heights Elementary School.
2. FIND that this action classifies as a minor vacation and is categorically exempt under Article 7; Class 5(3), of the City of Los Angeles guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) report within 45 days after the end of the pilot period on the performance of the projects as described in the Resolution, attached to the Council File.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On September 21, 2021, your Committee considered a Resolution (O'Farrell – Krekorian) relative to the current process for towing oversized vehicles in violation of posted signs. According to the Resolution, the SRTS, administered by the LADOT, has partnered with the Los Angeles Unified School District, local school communities, and community based organizations to develop and implement innovative, near-term solutions to address traffic and environmental safety concerns in school zones. These partners have collaborated closely to establish "SRTS School Streets," which create a one-hour, temporary closure on the street block segment that fronts a school entrance, creating a pedestrian-only zone on school days during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. On April 29, 2021, The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) announced a second round of a short-term grant program to adapt streets in service of communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and on June 4, 2021, LA Walks, in coordination with LADOT, was awarded \$50,000 for a SRTS School Street pilot

program at Dayton Heights Elementary School Street in CD 13 that would operate for an eight-week period (October 6, 2021 through November 30, 2021). In order for LADOT to implement this pilot, it is necessary to temporarily close a portion of Westmoreland Avenue for one hour during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up at Dayton Heights Elementary School. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolution as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

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**COUNCILMEMBER VOTE**

BONIN:	YES
KORETZ:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES

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