

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the estimated cost and feasibility of implementing traffic mitigations presented in the Kimley-Horns May 2018 report.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Ryu – Buscaino):

DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to:

- a. Report in 90 days on the feasibility of implementing potential mitigations presented in Kimley-Horn's May, 2018 report entitled, Rowena Avenue, Waverly Drive, Angus Street Cut-Through Traffic Study.
- b. With the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering, report with cost estimates for each of the potential improvements presented in Kimley-Horn's May, 2018 report.

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes.

For: Los Feliz Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

On August 31, 2018, Council considered Motion (Ryu – Buscaino) relative to the feasibility of implementing potential mitigations and related cost estimates for improvements presented in the Kimley-Horns May 2018 report. Motion states that in 2013, a four-lane portion of Rowena Avenue was reconfigured into a two-lane road with a middle turning lane and dedicated bike lanes on both sides of the street adjacent to on-street parking. Since the reconfiguration, concerns have been raised about the cut-through traffic on nearby local streets, particularly Waverly Drive and Angus Street, and the increased potential for safety hazards with cyclists and pedestrians, including children walking to school, parents with strollers, and joggers.

Motion goes on to state that Council District Four commissioned a study to examine existing conditions in the area, specifically along Waverly Drive and Angus Street. Multiple stakeholder meetings were conducted, the project's engineering consultants analyzed existing traffic conditions in the project area, and then presented potential strategies to help mitigate or alleviate the issues observed. Motion movers believe that LADOT should evaluate the potential mitigations presented in the report and determine the feasibility of implementing those improvements. Motion recommends that Council instruct LADOT report on the feasibility and costs of implementing the improvements recommended by the Kimley-Horns May 2018 report. Council referred Motion to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held October 24, 2018, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. During the public comment period, area residents expressed strong support for the Rowena Avenue road diet reconfiguration. Speakers stated that road diet improved safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles and reduced vehicle speed. They urged the Committee to not modify the Rowena reconfiguration and recommended that other measure be implemented to address cut-through traffic on nearby streets. The Committee Chair acknowledged receipt of a

letter from Councilmember Ryu stating that his priority is ensuring that any modifications to streets in the neighborhood improve safety for Silver Lake residents.

LADOT staff stated it will work with the Bureau of Engineering to calculate cost estimates for traffic mitigation options. The Department General Manager stated that there are various strategies for reducing vehicle speed and cut-through traffic. The Department will take into consideration the comments by members of the public made in support of the Rowena road diet in its evaluation of the study's proposals. The Transportation Committee recommended that Council approve Motion's recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BONIN: YES

MARTINEZ: YES

KORETZ: ABSENT

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