

MOTION

On Saturday, August 3, 2013, a vehicle drove onto Ocean Front Walk (Venice Beach Boardwalk), which was crowded with people, vendors and performers. The vehicle struck at least a dozen victims, one of which suffered fatal injuries. This incident highlighted various public safety vulnerabilities at the Venice Beach Boardwalk. Shortly after this incident, the Department of Recreation and Parks spearheaded a Venice Beach Boardwalk public safety needs assessment. One of the many recommendations presented included the implementation of an emergency public address system and security cameras.

The Department of Recreation and Parks, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Police Department, Information Technology Agency, and the Bureau of Engineering, have undertaken actions to permit and install a contemporary emergency public address and security camera systems. This installation will involve street cuts at one location, 17th Avenue and Ocean Front Walk. 17th Ave. was, however, recently resurfaced by the Bureau of Street Services and is therefore subject to the City's one-year street cut moratorium. The permittee, Time Warner Cable, will require an exemption from the street cut moratorium in order to proceed with this important public safety project. It is imperative that this critical project proceed in a timely manner.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council exempt from the City's one-year street cut moratorium 17th Avenue and Ocean Front Walk to allow for the installation of fiber cable by Time Warner Cable for the implementation of an emergency public address and security camera for the Venice Beach Boardwalk, and that the Bureau of Engineering issue the appropriate permits to Time Warner Cable as expeditiously as possible.

I FURTHER MOVE that Time Warner Cable be required to properly repair and resurface the entire street cut area, in accordance with Department of Public Works standards and requirements, in order to maximize the longevity of the City street.

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