

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION

In 1959, the Sherman Way underpass (“Sherman Way Tunnel”) was constructed to allow Van Nuys Airport (VNY) to extend its runway from Saticoy Street to Vanowen Street. The tunnel was built to prevent the closure of Sherman Way which had to be routed into a tunnel under the runway making the tunnel a critical component of VNY infrastructure.

Due to the location of the Sherman Way Tunnel underneath the VNY runway, this site presents unique security risks. Additionally, it is a constant challenge for City departments to consistently clean the tunnel graffiti as cleanings require multiple lane closures and can take several evenings to complete.

The City needs to develop a comprehensive plan for improved management of the Sherman Way Tunnel. This plan should include solutions for improved graffiti prevention and mitigation in the tunnel. It should also identify enhancements to security in the tunnel and in and around the airport.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Street Services and request the Airport Department, with the assistance of the Police Department and the Department of Public Works Office of Community Beautification, and in consultation with Council District 6 and the Van Nuys Airport Association, which represents Van Nuys Airport tenants, to develop a comprehensive plan for maintenance, security, and beautification of the Sherman Way Tunnel and to report with any recommendations necessary to implement the plan.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the above-mentioned departments and bureaus, to identify potential funding sources for implementation of a Sherman Way Tunnel Management Plan, including funding needed for ongoing cleaning and maintenance.

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