

MOTION

TRANSPORTATION

The Vincent Thomas Bridge (VTB) serves as a critical transportation link for the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), residents, and workers of San Pedro, Wilmington, and Terminal Island. With the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) planning a full closure of the VTB for seismic retrofit and maintenance work, the surrounding communities and port-serving corridors will experience a dramatic increase in traffic volume and rerouted freight movement.

The anticipated impacts to neighborhood streets, major arterials, and alternative routes—such as the Commodore Schuyler F. Heim Bridge, Alameda Street, and Pacific Coast Highway—raise serious concerns about traffic congestion, pedestrian and cyclist safety, and the potential for increased truck traffic through residential areas. To ensure safety and oversight during this critical time, it is essential to install new and upgraded safety cameras in impacted areas. These cameras should assist in traffic management, truck route enforcement, and public safety monitoring during the period of closure and detour. POLA, given its significant interest and investment in goods movement and transportation infrastructure, should evaluate its ability to fund or cost-share in this deployment of safety infrastructure.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL), in coordination with California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Port of Los Angeles (POLA), Bureau of Street Services (BSS), and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), to report back within 7 days with:

- A proposed list of camera installation sites prioritized based on anticipated detour routes, chokepoints, and residential areas most impacted by redirected traffic. These may include, but are not limited to:
 - Wilmington truck routes and areas immediately adjacent to truck routes
 - Key intersections near schools, senior facilities, and commercial corridors in San Pedro and Wilmington
- An assessment of existing camera coverage and the necessary upgrades or additions required to monitor traffic conditions, enforce truck routes, and ensure public safety.
- Identification of any permitting or coordination needed with Caltrans or other agencies for installation on state or federal infrastructure.
- Sharing of access with Caltrans and LADOT of cameras on BSL poles within the project closure's Traffic Management Plan area.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Port Police, LADOT, and LAPD, with coordination from POLA, on the cost and resources needed for the enforcement of the closure. Additionally, this should include separate recommendations on how POLA may provide funding support or in-kind resources to implement this safety infrastructure as part of its commitment to mitigating the impacts of the bridge closure for the surrounding communities.

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