

MOTION

West Jefferson Boulevard is one of Council District 11's major thoroughfares, connecting the communities of Playa Vista and Del Rey to our coastline, beaches and other world class recreational opportunities. Traversing the Ballona Wetlands, West Jefferson Boulevard is also a popular route for biking as well as walkers who use it to access walking paths and trails in the wetlands – one of Los Angeles' greatest natural resources.

For many years, plastic bollards on the south side of Jefferson have added a layer of protection for cyclists and pedestrians east of the Culver Boulevard intersection. These are supplemented by bollards along Culver Boulevard as it enters Playa del Rey. For much of Jefferson's length west of Lincoln Boulevard, however, cyclists and pedestrians are forced to navigate vehicle traffic, creating an unsafe environment.

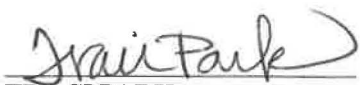
These risks were heightened prior to 2023 when Jefferson Boulevard became the site of a massive RV encampment, which at one point, had thousands of feet of illegally parked RVs. The encampment created a host of public safety issues, from forcing cyclists to share a lane with vehicle traffic to the environmental degradation of the wetlands as a result of frequent sewage discharges, fires and littered needles. Thanks to an intensive coordinated effort led by Council District 11 and involving City Departments and service providers, the RV encampment was dismantled with individuals connected to services and housing.

As the wetlands continue their recovery, efforts should be made to further enhance safety along Jefferson Boulevard by adding a protected bike lane between Culver and Lincoln Boulevards, closing the current gap in protection and creating a seamless biking experience between Playa Vista and Playa del Rey. The project, which will utilize concrete k-rail rather than plastic bollards, will also double as a mural that celebrates the Ballona Wetlands' natural beauty. Council District 11 has identified funding for this purpose.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council authorize the Department of Transportation (LADOT) to appropriate up to \$175,000 within Coastal Transportation Corridor Trust Fund No. 447 from Available Cash Balance and transfer therefrom to the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Special Services Fund No. 682-50, new account, entitled "Jefferson Blvd K-Rail," for BOE to deploy 1,400 linear feet of K-rail on Jefferson Boulevard, west of Lincoln Boulevard, within Council District 11, in order to protect cyclists and pedestrians.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council authorize LADOT, BOE, or designee, to make any technical or accounting corrections, revisions, or clarifications, as needed, to the above recommendation to effectuate the intent of the City Council.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:



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