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For many years, the pedestrian tunnel located at the intersection of Soto Street and 7th Street in Boyle Heights beside Soto Street Elementary School has threatened community safety. Hazards resulting from trash and debris flows after adverse weather conditions as well as harmful activities inside the tunnel deter pedestrians, including students using the passageway in their daily commute to school.

As previous efforts to adequately close the tunnel have been unsuccessful, there is an urgent need for the City to develop a permanent solution to close the tunnel. This endeavor will advance safer, more accessible streets for our students, educators, workers, families, and surrounding community.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, in collaboration with Bureau of Street Services and other relevant City departments, to report on recommendations to permanently close the pedestrian tunnel at the intersection of Soto Street and 7th Street, beside Soto Street Elementary School. The report should include all feasible closure options and their estimated costs.

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