

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to the temporary closure of the walkway southerly of Richland Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Bentley Avenue.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that the temporary closure of the walkway southerly of Richland Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Bentley Avenue is categorically exempt under Article III, Class 5, of the Los Angeles City Guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.
2. FIND that the walkway as shown in the City Engineer report dated July 17, 2024, attached to the Council file, subject to the conditions contained herein, be temporarily closed pursuant to State Vehicle Code Section 21101.4 for a period of eighteen months upon Council approval.
3. ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION, signed by the City Attorney.
4. ADOPT the following findings:
 - a. There is substantial evidence of serious and continual criminal activities in the walkway recommended for temporary closure.
 - b. The temporary closure of the walkway will reduce the criminal activity in the area.
 - c. The walkway does not provide necessary vehicular or pedestrian access to adjacent properties.
 - d. The closure will not substantially adversely affect traffic flow, safety on adjacent streets or in the surrounding neighborhoods, operation of emergency vehicles, or the performance of municipal or public utility services in the walkway proposed to be temporarily closed.
 - e. Vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the walkway contribute to the criminal activities.
 - f. The walkway has not been designated as a through highway or arterial street.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Engineer reports that the Bureau of Engineering is absorbing the cost of processing the request in the approximate amount of \$5,000. Maintenance of the public easement by City forces will be eliminated.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

On August 14, 2024, your Public Works Committee considered a City Engineer and Resolution relative to the temporary closure of the walkway southerly of Richland Avenue between Sepulveda Boulevard and Bentley Avenue.

After having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations as found in the City Engineer report, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE	YES
BLUMENFIELD	YES
PADILLA	YES

ME

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