

MOTION

In 2019, Council District 15, in collaboration with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) and the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), commissioned a Freight Mitigation Study by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to evaluate the impacts of commercial truck traffic on the quality of life for residents in the East Wilmington area, near Watson Junction. The study focused on the residential community bounded by Sandison Street to the north, Pacific Coast Highway to the south, Drumm Avenue to the east, and Sanford Street to the west.

The study identified several mitigation measures to reduce the interaction between commercial truck traffic and residents. Key recommendations included, but were not limited to, permanently closing Blinn Avenue between Lomita Boulevard and Sandison Street to all vehicular traffic and restricting access to Drumm Avenue by creating cul-de-sacs at the intersections of Drumm and Cruces Street, as well as at O Street and Colon Street.

In March 2022, City Council motions (CF 22-0344 and CF 22-0341) were introduced, requesting reports from the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering, and City Administrative Officer on project scoping and budgeting for consideration of funding. However, these motions have not been acted upon, and the ongoing intrusion of commercial traffic into the East Wilmington community continues to negatively affect residents' quality of life. Given the increased risk with the upcoming closure of the Vincent Thomas Bridge due to repairs, additional traffic will exacerbate this issue. Therefore, immediate action is needed to address these concerns.

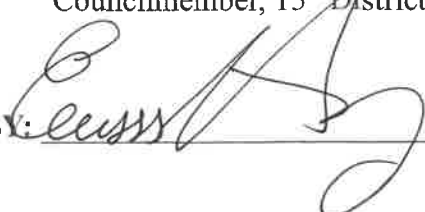
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation, to report back with a comprehensive plan to close Blinn Avenue between Lomita Boulevard and Sandison Street to all vehicular traffic, as well as to restrict vehicular access to Drumm Avenue by creating cul-de-sacs at the intersections of Drumm and Cruces Street, O Street, and Colon Street. The plan should include a full scope of work and budget for both projects, with a report back to Council within 90 days.

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