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The Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement Project, set to begin in early 2026 with a full closure, is poised to cause significant disruption for residents, workers, businesses, and the international supply chain operating in the Harbor Area. Often referred to as “Harborgeddon,” this project will have far-reaching effects within the San Pedro Bay complex, as outlined in the California Department of Transportation’s (Caltrans) Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR).

In response to the pending closure, the City Council has adopted Council File 23-0704, which requests a comprehensive report from Caltrans, City departments, in partnership with Los Angeles County and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, on all proposed projects currently in design or construction during the Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement Project and asks for potential mitigation measures to address any impacts these projects might face. In light of Caltrans’ FEIR, revisiting Council File 23-0704’s report and ensuring much-needed environmental mitigations for the local community is necessary now more than ever.

A major concern that must be addressed before full closure is the current designation of detour routes. These local roads for these routes must be adequately repaired both before and after the Caltrans closure, as the increased truck and commuter traffic will add considerable strain on the local community, particularly in Wilmington. The potential impacts on local air quality, traffic flow, safety, environmental justice, and overall infrastructure in the Harbor Area cannot be overlooked. While this project is crucial for the Port of Los Angeles, it should not force the community to choose between necessary infrastructure and the protection of their health and environment.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), the Board of Public Works, Los Angeles County, and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority, to report on an update to all proposed projects currently in design or under construction during the duration of the Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement Project. The report should include target dates for completion and identify additional mitigation measures to address any impacts on these projects caused by the bridge replacement.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), Bureau of Street Services (BSS), Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), LADOT, with assistance from the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and any other relevant departments, to commission a study exploring the viability of performing additional analysis on:

- The circulation impacts of the full closure on the existing local emergency evacuation routes and proposed detour routes;

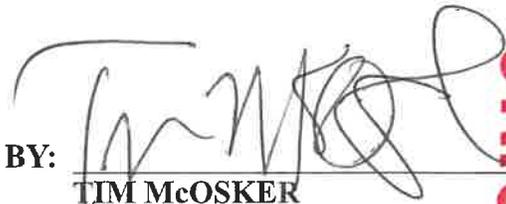
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- Environmental analysis and mitigations to the impacts on local communities where the detour routes are located;
- The detour routes' road conditions and the necessary repairs to bring them to a state of good repair; and
- The ability to repair the road conditions before and after the full closure.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the BOE, BSS, LADBS, LADOT, and any other relevant departments, to halt any pending approvals related to the Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement Project until this additional analysis has been completed.

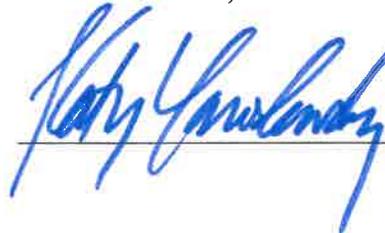
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the BOE, BSS, LADBS, LADOT, with assistance from the CAO, and any other relevant departments, to report on project cost escalation due to any delays associated with the Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement Project.

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