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Your Community Impact Statement Submittal - Council File Number: 20-1469-S1

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To: Clerk.CIS@lacity.org

A Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement (CIS) has been successfully submitted to your Commission or City Council. We provided information below about CISs and attached a copy of the CIS.

We encourage you to reach out to the Community Impact Statement Filer to acknowledge receipt and if this Community Impact Statement will be scheduled at a future meeting. Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers and it would be helpful if they received confirmation that you received their CIS.

The CIS process was enable by the to Los Angeles Administrative Code §Section 22.819. It provides that, "a Neighborhood Council may take a formal position on a matter by way of a Community Impact Statement (CIS) or written resolution." NCs representatives also testify before City Boards and Commissions on the item related to their CIS. If the Neighborhood Council chooses to do so, the Neighborhood Council representative must provide the Commission with a copy of the CIS or rResolution sufficiently in advance for review, possible inclusion on the agenda, and posting on the Commission's website. Any information you can provide related to your agenda setting schedule is helpful to share with the NC.

If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *listed on the Commission's agenda*, during the time the matter is heard, the designated Neighborhood Council representative should be given an opportunity to present the Neighborhood Council's formal position. We encourage becoming familiar with the City Councils rules on the subject. At the Chair's discretion, the Neighborhood Council representative may be asked to have a seat at the table (or equivalent for a virtual meeting) typically reserved for City staff and may provide the Neighborhood Council representative more time than allotted to members of the general public. They are also permitted up to five (5) minutes of time to address the legislative body. If the CIS or resolution pertains to a matter *not listed on the agenda*, the designated Neighborhood Council representative may speak during General Public Comments.

We share this information to assist you with the docketing neighborhood council items before your board/commission. If you have questions and/or concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at empowerla@lacity.org.

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Contact Information

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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(2) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/20/2024

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 08/21/2024

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1469-S1

City Planning Number:

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council (RVNC) supports this council file with the inclusion of the following request. The sidewalk closure at [200 N Vermont Avenue](#) from February 8 – 22, 2024 provides an example for safety concerns. This sidewalk provides access between Virgil Middle School, located south of Council Street, and the Vermont/Beverly Metro Station. When a passageway between the k-rails and the sidewalk was created on February 23, we observed numerous students using it. On February 8, we made Service Request # 1-4647956881 because no detours and no equivalent facilities were provided for pedestrians. On February 9, Service Request # 1-4647956881 was closed

because this location has a Building Materials permit on file for k-rails. In monitoring this temporary closure of active transportation facilities, the RVNC gathered the following information: 1) Bureau of Engineering issued Permit No. A2024-000049, Reference No. 108644, for the sidewalk closure which required: #3. Call for inspection before noon on the workday prior to doing any work. #6. Pedestrian and vehicular access must be maintained at all times. 2) Bureau of Contract Management did not receive a call to do an inspection for Permit No. A2024-000049 and we understand that the City Attorney will not enforce LAMC 62.61(f), Penalties for Noncompliance, because there isn't consistent application of penalties across the City. 3) Council File 20-1469 created Ordinance 187666 which included penalties of \$1000 for violating conditions and requirements of a permit (LAMC 62.61(b)) and \$4000 for work without requesting inspection (LAMC 62.04(n)). Therefore, the RVNC requests that the Department of Transportation, with support from the Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Street Services, take the issues raised above into consideration in its report back with existing and/or proposed policies and procedures to notify and protect users during the temporary closure of active transportation facilities.

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Community Impact Statement for Council File 20-1469-S1.pdf

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Community Impact Statement
Temporary Closures / Active Transportation Facilities / Transportation Network
Improvement / PWRs / Proposed Policies and Procedures
Council File 20-1469-S1

August 20, 2024

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The motion for Council File 20-1469-S1 asks that the Department of Transportation, with support from the Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Street Services, be instructed to report back, within 90 days, with existing and/or proposed policies and procedures to notify and protect users during the temporary closure of active transportation facilities (sidewalks, off-street paths, and Class II and Class IV Bicycle Lanes), including notification, signage, equivalent facility and/or safe detour requirements.

The Rampart Village Neighborhood Council supports this council file with the inclusion of the following request because our stakeholders have experienced firsthand the shortcomings of the City's policies and procedures for temporary closure of active transportation facilities in our area and we have gathered evidence to show that this failure to meet safety standards is neither an isolated instance nor the result of an administrative error.

We will demonstrate our safety concerns using a recent example in which the sidewalk at 200 N Vermont Avenue was closed from February 8 – 22, 2024. Virgil Middle School is located at 152 N Vermont Avenue, just south of Council Street, and the sidewalk in front of 200 N Vermont Avenue provides access from the school to the Vermont/Beverly Metro Station.

When we observed the sidewalk closure at 200 N Vermont Avenue on February 8, we made Service Request # 1-4647956881 citing illegal construction because no detours and no equivalent facilities were provided for pedestrians. On February 9, we were informed that Service Request # 1-4647956881 was closed with the following comments: Please be advise this location has a Building Materials permit on file for k-rails. Location will be inspected.

When an equivalent facility was created on February 23, which consisted of a passageway between the k-rails and the sidewalk, we observed it being used by numerous students. When we asked Council District 13 how they managed to address our safety concerns for the students, Laila Molina told us that she spoke with the Bureau of Street Services investigator who went to the site after the issue was brought to her attention and made sure a traffic control plan was enforced by the developer.

In monitoring the delivery of city services related to this temporary closure of active transportation facilities in our area, the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council gathered the following information:

- Bureau of Engineering issued Permit No. A2024-000049, Reference No. 108644, for the sidewalk closure which required: #3. Call for inspection before noon on the workday prior to doing any work. #6. Pedestrian and vehicular access must be maintained at all times.
- LADOT accepted two Traffic Control Plans for Project BR004669 on October 28, 2021 and January 3, 2022 and they told us that these traffic control plans were submitted by the developer and neither one of these traffic control plans explained the implementation of the safe passageway that we observed on February 23.
- Bureau of Contract Management did not receive a call to do an inspection for Permit No. A2024-000049, Reference No. 108644, and we understand that the City Attorney will not enforce LAMC 62.61(f), Penalties for Noncompliance, because there isn't consistent application of penalties across the City. Ordinance 187666 was created under Council File 20-1469 and it included penalties of \$1000 for violating conditions and requirements of a permit (LAMC 62.61(b)) and \$4000 for work without requesting inspection (LAMC 62.04(n)).

Therefore, we request that the Department of Transportation, with support from the Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Street Services, take the issues raised above into consideration in its report back with existing and/or proposed policies and procedures to notify and protect users during the temporary closure of active transportation facilities

In service,
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

PRESENTED BY: Lara Morrison
SECONDED BY: Jennifer Quinones
YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 INELIGIBLE: 2
ON THIS DATE: August 20, 2024