

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to implementing a People St Plaza on Bimini Place, in Council District (CD)13.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. FIND that this action classifies as a minor vacation and is CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT under Article 7, Class 5(3), of the City of Los Angeles guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. ADOPT Bimini Plaza as a People St Plaza project.
3. RESOLVE to close Bimini Place between 1st Street and White House Place, pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 2101(f), Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Title 7 of the Government Code, and the Circulation Element of the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles, and thereby closing this roadway segment to vehicular traffic by installing traffic diverters or other fixed devices, while remaining accessible to cyclists and pedestrians.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) reports that there is no anticipated impact to the General Fund. The estimated project cost is \$207,408. The LADOT Trust Fund, People St project account and prior year Measure R Pedestrian Plan accounts will provide funding for the Bimini Plaza project. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On November 20, 2024, the Transportation Committee considered a LADOT report, dated October 28, 2024, relative to implementing a People St Plaza on Bimini Place in CD 13. According to the LADOT report, the People St Program was designed to transform under-utilized roadway space into vibrant urban spaces, offering a respite from vehicular traffic and a hub for community activity. The City Council authorized LADOT to administer the introductory Request for Proposals or application cycle for People St Program plaza and parklet projects, with a maximum of four plazas, throughout the City. Three plazas and three parklets approved to proceed have been constructed and are now maintained by the People St Program's community partners. The Bimini Plaza is the last project the LADOT is authorized to implement for which it is seeking final approval before sunseting the program upon installing the Bimini Plaza. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the LADOT report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

| COUNCILMEMBER | VOTE |
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| HUTT: | YES |
| PARK: | YES |
| HERNANDEZ: | YES |
| DE LEON: | ABSENT |
| RAMAN: | ABSENT |

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