

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to proposed public projects in design or construction during the duration of the Vincent Thomas Bridge Project.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (McOsker – Park):

REQUEST the California Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Board of Public Works, Los Angeles County, and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority to report with a list of all of the proposed projects that are in design or in construction for the duration of the construction and completion of the Vincent Thomas Bridge Project with said report to include:

- a. Target dates of completion for these projects
- b. Additional mitigation measures that could be implemented should the Vincent Thomas Bridge Project impact these projects,

Fiscal Impact Statement: 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 August 16, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (McOsker – Park) relative to proposed public projects in design or construction during the duration of the Vincent Thomas Bridge Project. According to the Motion, the Port of Los Angeles endeavors to maintain an efficient, sustainable supply chain, adopting new technologies to improve the reliability, predictability and efficiency of the flow of cargo across global seaborne trade.

Part of that system, the historic Vincent Thomas Bridge, which serves as a main gateway in and out of the Port of Los Angeles, was built in 1963 and spans more than 6,000 feet. Carrying an average of 44,500 vehicles a day, with 11 percent of those being heavy trucks, the constant heavy load has worn down the bridge's deck. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will be leading work on the repairs to preserve the bridge's structural integrity as well as enhance overall safety.

The bridge's construction is anticipated to impact travel along State Route 47 (SR-47) and on nearby local and state roadways. Three construction staging alternatives are currently being presented to the community for environmental input. Caltrans recently extended the public comment period for plans to replace the deck of the Vincent Thomas Bridge. The possible detour alternatives that would be analyzed as part of this project listed in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) are located in the community of Wilmington. Those proposed detour routes are:

- West Harry Bridges Boulevard

- Alameda Street
- Anaheim Street
- Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1)
- Henry Ford Avenue (SR-47)
- Terminal Island Freeway (SR-103)

The effects of the Port on local circulation and traffic, the air quality, and overall quality of life have significantly marked the community. Today, Wilmington suffers an undue burden of truck traffic and other goods movement related issues. With the closure of the bridge, this reality will only get worse. Caltrans' proposed detour route options will not only affect the drivers who take these streets to work every day, but it will affect their health cumulatively, as well as the health of the entire community. The City must have a comprehensive evaluation of how public projects may be impacted by the Vincent Thomas Bridge Project and make every effort to mitigate these effects. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Transportation Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HUTT:	YES
PARK:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	ABSENT
RAMAN:	YES
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES

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