

MOTION

In 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) issued a closure order for the Watson Railroad Crossing at Lomita Boulevard and Alameda Street in the Wilmington Community on the border with the City of Carson. This closure was intended to decrease the then-existing conflicts between commercial truck and train traffic en route to its connection to Alameda Street. While the closure did effectively end those conflicts, it inadvertently increased commercial truck traffic incursions into the far east Wilmington community to the south of Lomita Blvd between Sandison Street, Drumm Avenue, Pacific Coast Highway, and Sanford Avenue.

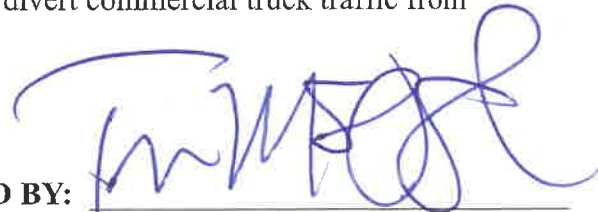
To remedy the commercial truck traffic incursions into east Wilmington in 2019, Council District 15 in collaboration with CalTrans, and the Port of Los Angeles commissioned a Freight Mitigation Study by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in East Wilmington to assess the impacts of commercial truck traffic on the quality of life of residents in the adjacent residential community.

A variety of mitigation measures were recommended to remedy the conflicts between commercial truck traffic and residents, some of which the Bureau of Engineering and LADOT are currently working to address. Consideration of the construction of a grade separation project to connect Lomita Boulevard and Alameda Street, however, was not included at the time of the SCAG Freight Mitigation Study because it was outside the scope of work.

While the mitigation efforts currently under study are important to improving the quality of life for East Wilmington residents, a major investment in infrastructure must also be made to divert traffic from residential areas. This can only be accomplished with the construction of a grade separation connecting Alameda Street and Lomita Boulevard.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation, to report with the necessary steps to commission a study that would explore the viability of constructing a grade separation connecting Alameda Street and Lomita Boulevard to divert commercial truck traffic from surrounding residential areas.

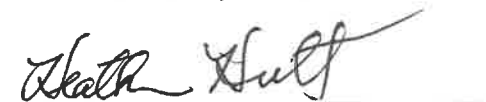
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