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The Wilmington Waterfront Promenade is a \$77.3 million nine-acre project creating a “window on the waterfront” for the community. The lack of public access to the waterfront in Wilmington has been a longstanding injustice, especially given the significant history of this community in the founding and development of the Port of Los Angeles. The Promenade is a project driven by equity and access that will allow residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy a beautiful, dynamic setting and admire the busiest container port in the Western Hemisphere in the Heart of the Harbor.

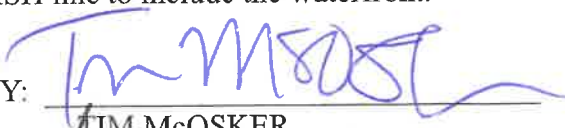
The promenade measures approximately 1,300 feet long and is located along the water’s edge of Berths 183-186 at the Port of Los Angeles and adjacent to Banning’s Landing Community Center. It is one of several visionary projects for the Wilmington community, all made possible through the Port’s Public Access Investment Program (PAIP). The PAIP allows for more investment in projects like the promenade that enhance the quality of life for surrounding Port communities. Completion of the new promenade sets the stage for the next phase of the public access improvement project planned for Wilmington by the Port. The Avalon Pedestrian Bridge and Promenade Gateway are slated to start construction in early 2025 and create another 12 acres of new open space for the Wilmington community, while also connecting Harry Bridges Boulevard and Avalon Boulevard to the waterfront.

As part of the Council Offices’s ongoing efforts to provide public access to waterfront projects, such as the promenade, a Transit Service Analysis (TSA) is needed to evaluate LADOT’s current transit offerings, such as the DASH route, in Wilmington. The TSA will significantly assess the local transit system post-COVID and guide future decisions on route optimization and infrastructure investments. The goal is to ensure that the community’s needs are met, that the services are sustainable, and that LADOT is addressing structural deficits. This process will include community engagement and collaboration with the City Council to gather feedback on potential DASH reroutes and connections to the promenade.

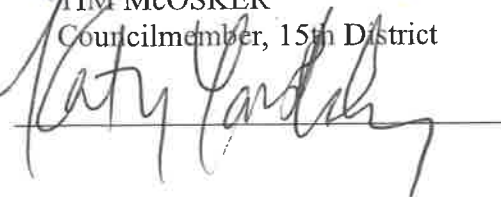
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to complete a Transit Service Analysis (TSA) to study and expand a potential reroute or extension of the DASH line to better serve the Wilmington community, potentially including the Wilmington Waterfront and Wilmington Promenade as a part of the line. The TSA should assess current traffic patterns and ridership to identify opportunities for optimizing routes, including the potential use of smaller buses where appropriate. The analysis will guide decisions on where to invest in transit services, ensuring funds are used effectively.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the LADOT and the Wilmington Neighborhood Council to work with the Council Office on a planned community engagement proposal to both solicit feedback as well as engagement events to gather input on the proposed changes, particularly the potential rerouting of the DASH line to include the waterfront.

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