

## RESOLUTION

## TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School (SRTS), administered by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), has partnered with the Los Angeles Unified School District, local school communities, and community based organizations to develop and implement innovative, near-term solutions to address traffic and environmental safety concerns in school zones; and

WHEREAS, these partners have collaborated closely to establish "SRTS School Streets," which create a one-hour, temporary closure on the street block segment that fronts a school entrance, creating a pedestrian-only zone on school days during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2021, The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) announced a second round of a short-term grant program to adapt streets in service of communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, LA Walks, in coordination with LADOT, was awarded \$50,000 for a SRTS School Street pilot at Dayton Heights Elementary School Street (CD 13) that would operate for an eight-week period (October 6, 2021 - November 30, 2021); and

WHEREAS, in order for LADOT to implement this pilot, it is necessary to temporarily close a portion of Westmoreland Avenue for one hour during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up at Dayton Heights Elementary School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 80.35(a), the City Council authorizes the temporary closure of the following street segments by installing traffic barriers that prevent access to vehicular traffic, but allow through pedestrian movement, to implement the following Safe Routes To School project:

- Approximately 200 feet of Westmoreland Avenue, between Melrose Avenue and Clinton Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., and between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. at Dayton Heights Elementary School

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council adopt a finding 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 (CEQA).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation report within 45 days after the end of the pilot period on the performance of the projects.

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