

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the pedestrian tunnel at Tonopah Street under the I-5 and I-170 freeways was intended to provide safe access to students and families traveling to their local schools; and

WHEREAS, the Tonopah pedestrian tunnel has become a site for nuisance and illegal activity; and

WHEREAS, there is strong support to close this pedestrian tunnel from both the local community and the Los Angeles Police Department to address the public safety issues arising from this location; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Engineering has recommended that the City install locking gates at the tunnel entrances to abate public safety issues while still ensuring the Department of Water and Power has access to utilities within the tunnel (C.F. 19-0988); and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget programmed \$130,000 in funding as part of the Capital and Technology Improvement Expenditure Program for the closure of the Tonopah pedestrian tunnel; and

WHEREAS, the Tonopah pedestrian tunnel is under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has requested that the Council adopt a Resolution declaring its support of the closure of this pedestrian tunnel to allow the Bureau of Engineering to proceed with work to close this pedestrian tunnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles approves the closing of the pedestrian undercrossing at Tonopah Street under the Interstate 5 and Interstate I-170 freeways.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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