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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN November 17, 2026

Responding to the Vincent Thomas Bridge Closure

The Vincent Thomas Bridge (Bridge) serves as a critical transportation connection between San Pedro and Terminal Island, facilitating the movement of commuters, residents, commercial vehicles, and goods. The 16-month closure of the Bridge will significantly disrupt local and regional transportation networks, placing additional demands on surrounding roadways and impacting residents, workers, businesses, and port-related operations. Given the Bridge's importance to regional mobility and the movement of goods, the extended closure requires sustained coordination among the County of Los Angeles, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the City of Los Angeles, and other relevant agencies to monitor traffic conditions, address emerging challenges, and minimize disruptions to surrounding communities.

For example, starting last week, we have seen major flooding along Alameda Street in Wilmington (City of Los Angeles) which is a designated alternate route for the Bridge closure. The flooding was largely caused by significant high tides, but we are now seeing additional flooding caused by recent rain activity. These conditions may create hazardous roadway conditions for vehicles and further exacerbate traffic congestion in the surrounding area. Proactive and ongoing interagency coordination will be critical to

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ensure that transportation challenges are addressed promptly, and appropriate mitigation measures are implemented throughout the duration of the closure.

The Department of Public Works (Public Works) should continue monitoring the transportation and infrastructure impacts associated with the Bridge closure and assess how County-maintained roadways and infrastructure are affecting surrounding communities. Additionally, Public Works should evaluate recurring flooding caused by high tides and its impacts on County storm drains, and work with Caltrans, the City of Los Angeles, and other relevant agencies to identify and implement solutions that improve drainage, reduce flooding, and protect public safety throughout the duration of the bridge closure.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to declare the Vincent Thomas Bridge (Bridge) 16-month closure as a major incident, in addition;

1. Public Works must continue to evaluate recurring flooding caused by high tides and its impacts on County storm drains to identify and implement solutions that improve drainage, reduce flooding, and protect public safety throughout the duration of the Bridge closure; and
2. Public Works and relevant County departments must coordinate closely with Caltrans

and the City of Los Angeles, given the significant local and regional transportation impacts, such coordination should occur on a daily basis to monitor traffic conditions, address emerging challenges, and implement necessary mitigation measures.

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