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**RESOLUTION NO. 05-1**

**RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL  
INITIATING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE  
GENERAL PLAN AND AUTHORIZING AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR  
CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF ALBANY STREETS  
ADJOINING EL CERRITO PLAZA**

**WHEREAS**, residents have cited unacceptable increases in traffic volume, speeds, and truck traffic using residential streets to enter and exit El Cerrito Plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic volume data shows a possible 19 to 20 percent increase in traffic following the renovation of the El Cerrito Plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 22, 2004, the Albany Traffic & Safety Commission heard testimony from Albany residents regarding increased traffic concerns and decreased livability, at which time the Commission voted 4-0 (one absent) that the City Council consider street closure (except to pedestrian, bicycles, and emergency vehicles); and

**WHEREAS**, on December 14, 2004, the Planning & Zoning Commission heard testimony from Albany residents regarding increased traffic concerns and decreased livability, at which time the Commission voted 4-0 (one abstention) to consider street closure (except to pedestrian, bicycles, and emergency vehicles).

**NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE** that:

1. An Amendment to the Circulation Element of the General Plan be initiated;
2. An environmental review of that amendment be prepared to evaluate such closure; and
3. The City Council consider the findings and possible action at a public hearing following review and recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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Robert Good, Mayor

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