


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: November 3, 2025

TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: Keith Mozee  for
Executive Director and General Manager
Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA)

SUBJECT: **ABANDONED PROPERTY AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION
ENFORCEMENT (CF 25-0887)**

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council note and file this report, as it is provided for informational purposes only.

SUMMARY

Pursuant to the recommendations adopted by the City Council on September 3, 2025 (Council File 25-0887), this report provides responses to the following instructions and questions:

1. An accounting of any instances of private property being abandoned in either the public right-of-way or on City property as relates to the Department's jurisdiction, as a result of Federal immigration enforcement.
2. Department protocol for collection, storage, disposal, and release of private property that has been abandoned as a result of Federal immigration enforcement.
3. Recommendations to ensure private property is safely, accurately, and expeditiously returned to an individual once released from Federal custody or to third parties such as family, friends, or neighbors either during or after a detention.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with City laws and policies, StreetsLA does not coordinate or assist the Federal government with matters pertaining to immigration enforcement. As such, StreetsLA does not have any records, nor been made aware of any abandoned property as a result of Federal immigration enforcement.

StreetsLA's Investigation and Enforcement Division (IED) has limited interaction and purview over abandoned property on the public right-of-way. Abandoned property is impounded and brought into IED's custody only when related to enforcement actions, such as obstructions in the public right-of-way. Impounding abandoned property is a rare occurrence.

In cases where impounding property is necessary, StreetsLA abides by California state law and posts information at the area where the abandoned property was found, with information detailing the hours and the address to recover the property, as well as a contact phone number.

The abandoned property is taken to the nearest yard with available space, and held for up to 90 days. There are no fees charged to the property owner for impounding abandoned property. If the property is unclaimed after the 90 day time period, the property is discarded.

Given the limited interaction with abandoned property, along with lack of foreknowledge of Federal immigration enforcement actions, StreetsLA does not have any recommendations to change our current practices.

Should you require more information about this report, please contact David Rivera, Chief Street Services Investigator I, at david.rivera@lacity.org.

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