

MOTION

The Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) began in 1925 as the Bureau of Power and Lights, within the Department of Public Works. BSL designs, constructs, and maintains approximately 223,000 streetlights across the City of Los Angeles. The system has over 400 different styles ranging from modern to ornate/historic and illuminates two-thirds of the City.

Throughout the years, lighting initiatives have expanded and evolved. Currently, BSL's maintenance division responds to over 45,000 light outages each year, manages an expanding network of smart streetlights, and service solutions beyond the broadcast of light.

BSL is 100% special funded. Street Lighting maintenance is financed primarily by the Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment Fund which generates approximately \$42 million annually. This fund covers all costs associated with the operation and maintenance of the City's street lighting system.

In Council District 7 about 40 percent of all Street Lights are not operating. That represents nearly 7,000 lights that are in need of repair. The problem grows by approximately 200 lights a month.

Currently BSL has reported that the average repair time is from 9 to 12 months, with about 20 percent of outages nearing 18 months.

BSL has a staffing of just under 200 employees to address the outages across the City's 223,000 streetlights. They are only able to repair about 200 lights a month, meaning that as a City we are only maintaining the status quo of broken streetlights.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council DIRECTS the Bureau of Street Lighting to present verbally to the Council on:

- The status of the utilitarian light program in partnership with LADWP;
- Current Outages by Council District;
- Average repair time per Council District;
- The amount of return repairs to same locations by Council District;
- How the Bureau is allocating funding for repairs by Council District;
- How much overtime funding the Bureau has received to do the repairs from Council offices to complete the repairs on overtime and/or a dedicated crew.

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