

MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE

BSL designs, constructs, and maintains approximately 220,000 streetlights that illuminate two-thirds of the City. The system has over 400 different styles of lights, ranging from modern to historic and ornate, with some assets in the field nearly a century old. In metal and concrete poles alone, the Bureau has invested over half a billion dollars throughout the course of its existence.

Currently, one in ten street lights remain dark in the City of Los Angeles due to the aging infrastructure and the ongoing copper wire theft across the City. This is one of the single largest public safety issues, both in terms of crime as well as safety in walking and commuting across the City.

In the last three years, multiple Council motions have been introduced to either set aside special funds to repair lights with overtime or find funds to replace lights with solar fixtures, thus removing copper wire from our infrastructure. Although not all streetlight assets are able to be converted to solar power, an estimated 60,000 of the 250,000 overall light fixtures are eligible.

BSL is predominantly funded by an Assessment of benefit to property owners. BSL collects this revenue through the County's property tax roll. Over 90% of the Assessment, however, has been frozen since 1996 due to Prop 218. As a result, the Bureau's revenue has not kept up with inflation and budgetary needs. A proposed increase of property tax assessments for street lighting will shortly be mailed out to property owners for a vote. As this is uncertain revenue, an alternative funding source for a surge in repairs and theft prevention measures is needed.

The City has determined that it is in its best interest to make certain capital expenditures to replace existing high voltage series street lighting systems to invest in an all-in-one Solar Lighting.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be instructed to add \$65,000,000 to the 2025-26 Municipal Improvement Corporation of Los Angeles (MICLA) Program to surge installation of solar-powered streetlights across the City (at least 500 per Council District) with the Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment Fund as the source of funds to support these MICLA projects.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lighting and the City Administrative Officer be instructed to report within 15 days with an implementation plan for the surge installation of solar-powered streetlights across the City, including an annual expenditure plan, necessary staffing and equipment, expense costs, and any reimbursement resolution, special fund loans, or other documents necessary to

effectuate the program. The report should also include a clear timeline and funding strategy to complete conversion of all remaining, eligible streetlights to solar-power citywide.

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