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On February 18, 2026, a fallen power pole caused a full closure of Interstate 110 near Gaffey Street in San Pedro, resulting in significant traffic disruption and requiring an emergency response involving multiple agencies. The transportation facility serves as the sole arterial out of the harbor area for the San Pedro community.

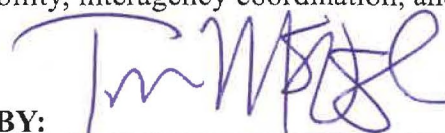
During the response, City staff requested portable changeable message signs (PCMS) from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to assist with traffic control and public notification. City staff were informed that no portable message signs were available for deployment at that time.

As the incident occurred on a state freeway facility, coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) was required. The incident highlighted operational and communication challenges between City and State agencies regarding resource deployment, traffic control authority, and public information responsibilities. Portable traffic management equipment and clear interagency coordination protocols are critical during infrastructure failures and emergency roadway closures to ensure public safety, minimize congestion, and provide timely notice to motorists and nearby residents.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council request the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), and Los Angeles Department of Power and Water (LADWP), in coordination with the Emergency Management Department (EMD), the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and other any relevant agencies, to report back within 30 days with:

- A timeline of the response to the Interstate 110/Gaffey incident, including agency roles and communication protocols utilized;
- The availability, use, and protocols for electronic notifications to residents of similar road disruptions;
- The current inventory, location, and deployment status of portable changeable message signs and other mobile traffic control devices Citywide;
- Existing coordination protocols with Caltrans for incidents occurring on State freeway facilities within City boundaries, including delineation of responsibilities; and
- Recommendations, if any, to improve resource availability, interagency coordination, and communication for residents for future incidents.

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