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BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES FY 2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET (CF 26-0600)

The Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Mayor's 2026-27 Proposed Budget. The mission of StreetsLA is to enhance the quality of life for all Angelenos. As the City continues to confront numerous challenges, our Bureau is committed to the vision of being a world leader in public works, dedicated to serving and improving our communities. As StreetsLA continues to lead Citywide efforts in maintaining our public right-of-way infrastructure, cleaning our streets, and preparing for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, we appreciate the Mayor's collaboration to resolve the Bureau's resource challenges, as well as further invest in our City's infrastructure.

The Mayor's FY 2026-27 Proposed StreetsLA Budget consists of \$200.5 million, which is a \$31.7 million or 18.8% increase from the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. The Proposed Budget also adds 178 new position authorities, restoring the Bureau's total position authorities to 1,332 in FY 2026-27. The most significant changes between the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and the Mayor's FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget are highlighted below.

Clean Corridors Program (New)

Under the guidance of the Mayor's Office of Infrastructure, StreetsLA was asked to lead a multi-departmental pilot program aimed at cleaning and beautifying major commercial corridors Citywide, developing cleaning strategies in partnership with the Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN), and the Office of Community Beautification (OCB). StreetsLA staff have performed quarterly inspections of major commercial corridors, assessing the cleanliness of thousands of street segments across the City. A cleaning schedule is developed based on these inspections, splitting the workload across StreetsLA, LASAN and OCB contractors.



The Mayor's Proposed Budget includes nine-months funding and resolution authority for 52 new positions to expand the new Clean Corridors Program. The new positions will build upon the piloted cleaning work by increasing weed and litter abatement, expanding the enforcement capacity of illegal dumping, and performing more frequent street sweeping of major commercial corridors.

Sidewalk Maintenance Program (New)

The Mayor's Proposed Budget includes nine-months funding and resolution authority for 47 positions (consisting of three concrete crews, one tree care crew, and six engineering and administrative support positions) for a new Sidewalk Maintenance Program. The sidewalk maintenance work involves replacing short stretches of uplifted concrete panels, conducting required tree care, and implementing additional measures that fall outside the scope of the BOE Sidewalk Repair Program. When fully staffed, this program can address approximately 240 locations annually. StreetsLA recommends that this program focus to reduce the backlog of corrective actions related to liability claims, remove barriers in areas of highest need based on MyLA311 requests and Council Office input, and address repairs along corridors in the Pedestrian Enhanced Districts related to Measure HLA projects.

Pavement Preservation Program (PPP)

The Mayor's Proposed Budget restores 42 critical positions to support StreetsLA's resurfacing efforts as part of the PPP. If approved, StreetsLA's FY 2026-27 PPP aims to achieve: 120 lane miles of resurfacing; 510 lane miles of slurry seal; and 70 lane miles of large asphalt repairs, totaling to 700 lane miles of street repairs and maintenance.

Maintaining Streets

The Mayor's Proposed Budget restores 15 Truck Operator positions to support StreetsLA's pothole repair efforts. If this request is approved, and the positions are fully staffed, this reinvestment is projected to reduce the turnaround time for pothole repairs from seven working days to five working days.

Proposed Changes

A. Dedicated Staffing for Active Transportation Program (ATP) Projects

The successful delivery of all capital projects involves coordination amongst multiple agencies. Staffing levels to deliver projects have not kept up with the pace of grant funding secured by the City. This has led to the City being unable to deliver the projects by the expected deadlines set by the grantor. StreetsLA, along with other supporting

departments, is at a critical point where there are insufficient staff to manage these projects, oversee contracted construction activities, and perform force account construction work.

As such, StreetsLA requests consideration of an additional 28 critical positions to implement these grant projects. Without these new position authorities, there will be projects that will not meet their milestones and will ultimately result in the loss of grant funds. Relinquishment of grant funds will negatively affect not just the Bureau but the entire City, significantly harming Los Angeles' credibility and competitiveness for future grant opportunities.

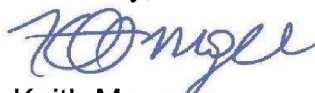
B. Additional Access Ramp Crews

In conjunction with the Pavement Preservation Program (PPP), StreetsLA currently has the capacity to construct approximately 300 access ramps annually. Without additional staffing, StreetsLA will not have the capacity to utilize the increased funding provided in the Mayor's Proposed Budget. As such, StreetsLA proposes to re-purpose 27 staff currently assigned (no additional new authorities) to the Sidewalk Repair Program Access Request projects to construct additional access ramps in support of the PPP. If approved, this will allow us to construct an additional 100 access ramps (400 total) annually.

StreetsLA also recommends that the City Council authorize the use of SB1 funds allocated for PPP Access Ramps to outside contractors, thereby enhancing the City's overall capacity for access ramp construction.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of these items further, please feel free to contact me at (213) 847-3333. Thank you in advance for your continued support of StreetsLA.

Sincerely,



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Attachment:

1. PW Bureau of Street Services- Organizational Chart

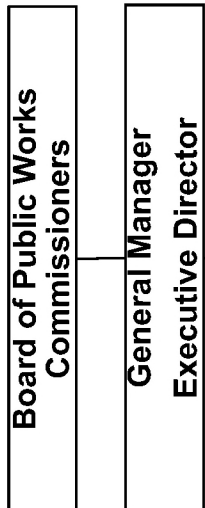
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Public Works – Bureau of Street Services Organizational Chart



	2025-26	2026-27*	YoY
Salaries General	\$ 109,108,444	\$ 131,426,024	\$ 22,317,580
Overtime General	\$ 2,919,452	\$ 5,745,499	\$ 2,826,047
Hiring Hall	\$ 2,249,528	\$ 3,865,265	\$ 1,615,737
Construction Expense	\$ 32,521,284	\$ 33,421,284	\$ 900,000
Contractual Services	\$ 13,432,322	\$ 16,343,605	\$ 2,911,283
Other Expenses	\$ 8,580,731	\$ 9,769,601	\$ 1,188,870
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 168,811,761	\$ 200,571,278	\$ 31,759,517
Total Positions	1,154	1,332	178



**Finance and Administration
Chief Financial Officer
Assistant Director**

Operating Budget: \$9,200,657
(Contractual: \$261,424)
Total Positions: 81 (+8)

Core Functions:

- Accounting & Finance
- Payroll
- Budget & Cost Recovery
- Contract Services
- Procurement & Management
- Administrative Services
- Human Resources
- Systems Support

**Chief Sustainability Officer
Assistant Director**

Operating Budget: \$29,077,262
(Contractual: \$2,102,421)
Total Positions: 277 (+28)

Core Functions:

- Tree Care - trimming, planting, watering, root pruning, dead tree & stump removal
- Maintaining a Citywide Tree Inventory
- Maintenance of Landscaped Median Islands
- Review & Issue Permits and Clearances for Private Property and Street Trees in PROW
- Enforcement of Codes, Statutes, and Ordinances
- Review & Issue Permits for Sidewalk Vending, Special Events, Right-of-Way Use Permits

**Chief Operations Officer
Assistant Director**

Operating Budget: \$114,633,437
(Contractual: \$7,978,093)
Total Positions: 687 (+142)

Core Functions:

- Street Resurfacing & Slurry Sealing
- Large & Small Asphalt Repairs
- Bicycle Lane Repairs
- Asphalt Concrete Production - operation & maintenance
- Street Sweeping
- Debris Removal in the PROW
- Emergency Response
- Construction of Sidewalks & Access Ramps
- Construction of Capital Infrastructure Improvements to Support Bureau's \$660M Grants Portfolio
- Perform sidewalk maintenance and repair
- Clean Corridors Program

**Chief Technical Officer
Executive Officer**

Operating Budget: \$15,900,405
(Contractual: \$3,090,384)
Total Positions: 109

Core Functions:

- Manage and Oversee Implementation Grants Portfolio
- Planning, Design, and Construction oversight of PROW and Other Various Public Infrastructure
- Data & Asset Management for Transportation Projects
- Reviewing major transit projects developed by LA Metro, and other miscellaneous transit-related projects.
- Risk Management

Note: The figures in blue represents net increase for FY 2026-27.