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Overview of CF 26-0955 and
BSL after District No.5500 (Assessment Ballot Vote)

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Mission To Light the way for Los Angeles

Vision We build, operate, and maintain world-class systems that deliver limitless benefits to our neighborhoods

Values People Integrity Innovation Performance

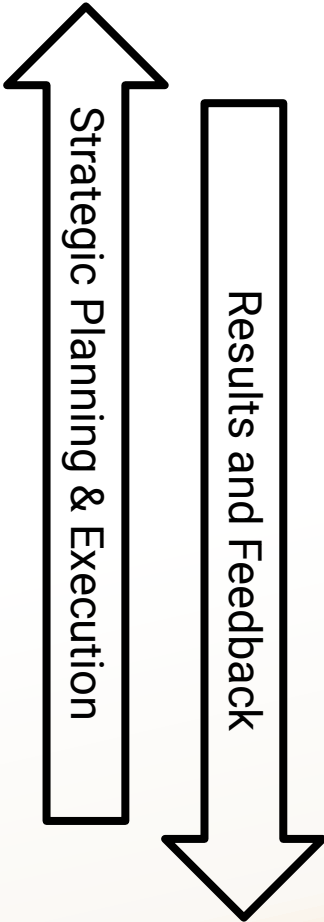
Tools

Community
Hiring
Training
Recruiting
All Staff
Mentoring

Ethical Codes
Form 700
Policy
Ordinances / Laws
Directives
Reports

Feedback
Pilot Projects
Innovation Fund
Technology adoption
Operational meetings
Initiatives (e.g.: Asset Protection)

Annual Reviews
Goal Setting
Metrics
Check-ins
Project management
Mayor / City Goals



The Assessment: what happens now?

Because District No.5500 (the Citywide Assessment Ballot) failed to pass, BSL will operate based on the existing assessment on properties.

BSL's O&M is primarily funded by an Assessment which generates ~\$45M annually since 1996, as 90% of revenues are frozen. A third party validated BSL's estimated operational need of \$125M. The official repair times stand at 1 year+.

BSL's Assessment is based on the **special benefit** of an **improvement** to a given property, **calculated via land use and acreage**, and **collected annually via County Property Taxes**.

BSL levies the assessment through its powers given in City Charter, State Constitution, and the Improvement Act of 1911. In BSL's early history (circa 1920's), streetlights (improvements) were tied to developments using these powers. This structure and practice persists today and is why **Property Owners pay for streetlights**.

The General Fund DOES NOT directly pay for streetlights (with many caveats). **The Assessment CANNOT pay for anything other than streetlights**. To change how BSL is funded would require a decision of the City and likely an electorate vote to determine funding.

Governed by Prop. 218, an Assessment is established or changed through a ballot vote of affected Property Owners. It is an off-cycle protest vote (NOT electorate vote) and requires 50%+1 by weighted value of Assessment of affected Property Owners to vote yes.



Assessment Results by Property Type and Ownership

Property Type	Total Assessment Value		Total Voting Value		Turnout Rate (by assessment value)	"Yes" Vote Result (by assessment value)
	\$ Amount	Share of Total	\$ Amount	Share of Total		
Single Family Res / Condo	\$51,116,993	45.7%	\$14,544,827	38.2%	28.5%	18.1%
Owner-Occupied	\$37,260,570	33.3%	\$10,289,514	27.0%	27.6%	19.3%
In City of LA Owner	\$6,280,386	5.6%	\$2,009,976	5.3%	32.0%	12.2%
CA Owner	\$6,284,035	5.6%	\$1,952,389	5.1%	31.1%	14.1%
Out of State	\$1,216,660	1.1%	\$241,321	0.6%	19.8%	26.4%
Rental Income (Apts)	\$28,202,309	25.2%	\$10,728,144	28.2%	38.0%	5.6%
In City of LA Owner	\$17,895,060	16.0%	\$6,725,193	17.7%	37.6%	5.8%
CA Owner	\$9,248,499	8.3%	\$3,646,909	9.6%	39.4%	5.4%
Out of State	\$1,043,233	0.9%	\$353,247	0.9%	33.9%	3.9%
Commercial / Industrial	\$24,445,173	21.9%	\$9,265,011	24.3%	37.9%	12.0%
In City of LA Owner	\$13,342,133	11.9%	\$5,721,906	15.0%	42.9%	11.7%
CA Owner	\$8,458,544	7.6%	\$3,132,514	8.2%	37.0%	8.6%
Out of State	\$2,483,013	2.2%	\$313,516	0.8%	12.6%	23.5%
Govt. Property	\$4,531,968	4.1%	\$2,495,473	6.5%	55.1%	99.3%
Other	\$3,463,124	3.1%	\$1,067,843	2.8%	30.8%	43.7%
Total	\$111,759,569	100.0%	\$38,101,300	100.0%	34.1%	19.1%



Revenue Generating Opportunities from Programs

BSL Program Name	Type of attachment or program	Revenue Generation or Fee Update Opportunity	Timeline for Implementation	Potential Revenue	Council Action Required
Co-Location	Telecom equipment	Yes. Fee update opportunity to ensure full cost recovery (e.g.: SoCal Gas)	3 Months	None	
Managed Service Provider	Leasing of assets or BSL services	Yes. BSL believes this to have significant potential. However, BSL does not have the internal capacity to handle functions such as notifications / marketing, leasing, or service management.	9 Months	\$9.5M based on solar potential conduit	Instruct BSL to proceed with an RFP / RFQ for a managed service provider using the \$180k in digital inclusion fees as a starting fund.
Banner Program	Notices; large format banners; digital banners	Yes. BSL believes this to have the fastest timing and great potential. The Program can be updated to allow for advertising and other revenues provided that BSL generates any required studies or reports.	9 Months	\$7.8M - \$11.8M	Instruct BSL to propose a new banner program that allows for advertising and revenue generation. - The Bureau would return with proposed program and any required study. - Should Council agree, City Attorney would then draft effectuating ordinances
Streetlights-as-a-Service	Sensors; air monitors; cameras; comms	Mixed. BSL believes this to have the greatest potential for reducing overall city costs and improving city services but is not directly benefiting street lights. Ensures that the Bureau is adhering to responsibilities to SLMAF and reduces risks from unapproved attachments	3 Months	TBD	Request the City Attorney's Office to work with BSL on drafting an ordinance that memorializes BSL's responsibilities and program and require the removal of unpermitted attachments.
EV Chargers	Charging equipment	Yes. Must work with DWP on rates and DOT on enforcement of violations. Council and Mayor approval may be required for policy changes.	6 months	TBD	
Community Impact	Medallions; community markers; string lights	Negligible. Must update fees. Predominantly a cost recovery endeavor. BSL does see this work improving BSL relationship with the communities it serves, but it would require funds.	Immediate	TBD	



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Thank you!
Questions?

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