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The City of Los Angeles maintains more than 220,000 streetlights that are essential to public safety by improving nighttime visibility for motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and emergency responders. Following the failure of the Bureau of Street Lighting's proposed Proposition 218 assessment, the Bureau must continue operating with limited resources and a significant repair backlog. As a result, it is more important than ever that available repair crews be deployed where functioning streetlights provide the greatest public safety benefit.

The Bureau of Street Lighting generally prioritizes repairs on a first-in, first-out basis, except for immediate electrical hazards. While administratively simple, this approach does not account for the varying public safety impacts of streetlight outages across the City. The City already uses objective prioritization criteria for infrastructure programs such as its Sidewalk Repair Program, and a similar approach should be used for streetlight repairs.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Bureau of Street Lighting, with assistance from the Chief Legislative Analyst as needed, to develop and implement a transparent, objective Streetlight Repair Prioritization Matrix for all non-emergency streetlight repair requests.

I FURTHER MOVE that the prioritization matrix, modeled after the City's Sidewalk Repair Program, prioritize outages located:

- Within or adjacent to single-family and multi-family residential neighborhoods;
- Near parks, schools, libraries, recreation centers, senior centers, and transit stops;
- Along high-pedestrian corridors, including Safe Routes to School;
- In locations with documented public safety concerns, including higher rates of pedestrian or vehicle collisions or crime.

I FURTHER MOVE that the prioritization matrix assign lower priority to routine, non-emergency outages located primarily within commercial and industrial corridors, while preserving the Bureau's existing practice of immediately responding to electrical hazards and other emergency conditions.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau report to Council within 90 days with the proposed prioritization methodology, implementation timeline, and any resources or policy changes necessary to implement the prioritization system.

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