

COMMUNICATION

File No. 12-1825

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE relative to increasing the Street Damage Restoration Fee in an amount sufficient to pay for the cost of sufficient City attorney staff specifically dedicated to follow-up and enforcement efforts for liability for street failures caused by street cuts and excavations resulting from construction projects.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Reyes - Buscaino):

DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Services and the City Engineer, to report with recommendations for increasing the Street Damage Restoration Fee (LAMC 62.06 et seq.) in an amount sufficient to pay for the cost of sufficient City attorney staff specifically dedicated to follow-up and enforcement efforts for liability for street failures caused by street cuts and excavations resulting from construction projects; including any position authority, related personnel recommendations, and additional resources as needed for the above purpose.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis on this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on March 27, the Public Works Committee Chair considered a Motion (Reyes – Buscaino) relative to increasing the Street Damage Restoration Fee in an amount sufficient to pay for the cost of sufficient City attorney staff specifically dedicated to follow-up and enforcement efforts for liability for street failures caused by street cuts and excavations resulting from construction projects. An opportunity for public comment was held. During the testimony of the item the request was made to add the phrase “and additional resources as needed” to the recommendation to broaden the departments’ ability to provide a thorough report. After a brief discussion, the Committee Chair moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion as detailed above as amended in committee. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER JOE BUSCAINO, CHAIR
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
GARCETTI:	ABSENT

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