

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Save Our Streets LA (SOSLA) program, formerly known as the Los Angeles Emergency Local Street Safety and Traffic Improvement Measure.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Buscaino - Englander - et al.):

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to:

- a. With the assistance of the Department of Public Works, Bureaus of Street Services (BSS) and Engineering (BOE), report with more detail on the funding requirement, and potential funding options, to achieve an overall average Citywide street system pavement grade of B or better, with further breakdown and analysis by Select Streets vs. Residential Streets.
- b. With assistance from BOE and BSS, provide a preliminary work plan that identifies D and F grade streets that would be bond-eligible, and include a preliminary construction schedule.
- c. With assistance from BSS, provide a long term pavement preservation plan to maintain streets in an overall average grade of B or better, using pavement preservation best practices.
- d. Report on the feasibility of generating funding through taxing or charging fees on vehicle owners, such as a local vehicle registration fee, local gas tax, or tolls. Further, if obstructions are identified, provide solutions or, at a minimum, a description of actions necessary to enable such alternative funding alternatives to be feasible.
- e. Report on the availability of any federal or state grant programs that could potentially provide supplementary funding for this measure.
- f. Report on the feasibility of borrowing against future revenues to provide upfront funding so that the street repair work program may be completed within a 10-year period.
- g. Report on long-term funding strategies to replace the ongoing decline of Gas Tax revenue and the loss of revenue from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 and Prop 1B.
- h. With assistance from the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), report with recommendations for dedicating a portion of a future Waste Hauling Franchise Fee to street repair and maintenance (Council file No. 10-1797-S15, Amending Motion 23D).
- i. With the assistance of the Los Angeles Housing And Community Investment Department, report on the feasibility of amending the Rent Stabilization Ordinance (RSO) to allow the pass through of voter-approved property tax increases for the purpose of repairing city streets, as a part of a comprehensive review to the RSO (Council file No. 07-0883).
- j. With assistance from BSS, and the Department of General Services, report on the feasibility of using alternative paving materials capable of reflecting heat from sunlight, thus reducing the heat island effect created by asphalt.

- k. With assistance from BSS, report on the feasibility of using concrete, in place of asphalt, to repair existing concrete streets outside of official Historic Preservation Zones.
- l. With assistance from BSS, provide cost estimates, and report on the feasibility of including the following elements into the SOSLA program:
 - i. Sidewalk repair
 - ii. Alley construction and repair.
- m. With assistance from the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Department of City Planning (DCP), BOS, BSS, and BOE, report with recommendations for structuring the SOSLA program to serve all road users, including motorists, transit users, bicyclists, pedestrians, wheelchair users, children and the elderly (complete streets).
- n. With assistance from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, BOS, BSS, BOE, LADOT and DCP, report on the feasibility and potential locations for creating Green Streets, similar to the Elmer Avenue Project in Council District Six.
- o. With assistance from BSS, BOS, LADOT and DCP, report on best practices associated with Great Streets programs, particularly in Washington, D.C., as well as potential funding sources, including onetime funding, that could be used to launch such a program in the City (Council File No. 13-0600, Motion 18); and respectfully REQUEST the Mayor's Office to report on the potential to implement a Great Streets program in Los Angeles, and next steps required to pursue such a program, including management responsibility.
- p. With assistance from LADOT and BOE, report on potential locations where underused streets or alleys may be vacated to reduce ongoing maintenance requirements.
- q. Report on pending state and federal legislation that could impact this program, including efforts to lower the required voter approval threshold for infrastructure bonds.
- r. Report with recommendations on the structure of an administrative oversight committee, and a true citizen's oversight committee.
- s. With assistance from BSS, BOE, LADOT and DCP, report with recommendations for new policies to structure development agreements to provide funding for needed street and alley repair and maintenance in the areas included in such agreements.
- t. With assistance of BSS and Bureau of Contract Administration, report with recommendations for modifying the Street Damage Restoration Fee, to increase funding for street repair and maintenance, incentivize utilities to better coordinate with the City and each other, and to reduce the number and frequency of street cuts. (Council File Nos. 12-1825 and 11-1935)
- u. Assist BOE to develop an Request for Qualification to establish a list of qualified contractors eligible to perform work associated with the SOSLA program.
- v. With assistance from BOE, BSS, and Bureau of Contract Administration, report with recommendations for procuring a new, cloud-based, public right-of-way activity coordination software system. (Council file No. 13-0612)

- w. With the assistance of BOE, report on the City's track record of delivering General Obligation Bond projects on-time and under-budget.
- x. Report on the projected overall economic impact of SOSLA including, but not limited to the following: private sector job creation; increased tax revenue; potential to decrease claims filed with the City for personal injury and damage to vehicles and other property; and potential reduced maintenance costs to the City vehicle fleet.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO and the CLA report that the impact to the General Fund is unknown at this time and will report back with further analysis.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

Against Proposal: Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council
North Hills West Neighborhood Council

General Comments: West Hills Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At a regular meeting held on August 7, 2013, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee considered a City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst joint report relative to the Los Angeles Emergency Local Street Safety and Traffic Improvement Measure, renamed the Save Our Streets LA initiative (SOSLA).

Councilmember Englander provided an update and status report on SOSLA. The Councilmember explained that six public hearings were held Citywide on the state of the condition of city streets. He stated that he and Councilmember Buscaino held numerous other meetings with representatives of Neighborhood Councils, Chambers of Commerce, labor organizations, businesses, bicycle enthusiasts, environmentalists, academia and pedestrians, to inform these groups and to seek out their ideas and to address concerns regarding the City streets.

On August 6, 2013, a communication from Councilmember Buscaino and Councilmember Englander was submitted to the Council, attached to the Council file. This document contained 24 recommendations that were created with the input from the community meetings. Councilmember Englander asked that the Committee consider these recommendations that include instructions to departments for submission of additional information regarding the SOSLA initiative.

An opportunity for public comment was held. After a thorough discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations as contained in the communication from Councilmember Buscaino and Councilmember Englander, dated August 6, 2013 and attached to the Council file. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
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BUSCAINO:	YES
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PRICE:	YES
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CEDILLO:	YES
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