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The B-Permit is required for major street construction in the public right-of-way. This includes the widening of streets, the changing of existing street grade and the installation of sewers, storm drains, street lights and traffic control signals. The primary purpose of the B-Permit to aid the City in managing the inspection of major street construction work. In addition to the City's construction inspection, work change orders, construction plan revisions and field testing work are all managed through the B-Permit process. The B-Permit process is the City's method of ensuring that major street construction meets required specifications for design, materials, bonding, liability, construction and inspection.

The B-Permit is most frequently issued for major street improvements adjacent to land under private development. In these instances, the extent and type of major street improvements is contained in conditions determined by the City Council, Department of City Planning, BOE (the City Engineer) or some other jurisdictional body in accordance with the Los Angeles Municipal Code, City Charter, State Law or City Ordinance. Some common cases where an Applicant may be required to obtain a B-Permit include: Zone Changes, Conditional Use Permits, Zone Variances, Hillside Ordinance clearance, and Tract and Parcel Map Approvals.

The B-Permit process can be complicated and hard to navigate given the multiple departments involved. In order to encourage new investment in the City of Los Angeles, it is imperative to improve the B-Permit process to ensure that it is transparent, as well as time and cost effective. Currently, an applicant must have all provisions of the B-Permit approved before they can proceed with fabrication of street lights, traffic signals or other necessary specialized equipment, which may require a long lead time for fabrication prior to installation.

I THEREFORE MOVE to instruct the City Administrative Office to coordinate a response with the Bureau of Engineering, the Bureau of Street Lighting, the Department of Transportation, and the Bureau of Street Services on how to streamline the B-Permit process.

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