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Construction projects requiring trenching or excavation of the public right-of-way are required to obtain an excavation permit from the Bureau of Engineering (BOE). Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 62.02 establishes that an excavation permit expires six months from the date of issuance if the permittee has failed to begin the permitted excavation and BOE is not authorized to grant renewals.

These provisions have made it difficult for the City to properly manage construction activities within the public right-of-way and to prioritize the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) maintenance work when conflicts arise. Historically, where conflicts have arisen, BSS has delayed planned maintenance work until resolution of the conflict. Determining that conflicts have been resolved is often a lengthy and difficult process.

Pursuant to prior Council instruction (C.F. 17-0988), the City Attorney is working with BOE to revise LAMC Section 62.02 to change the valid term of an excavation permit and to allow for renewals. If adopted, these changes coupled with the recent changes to the Street Damage Restoration Fee, will be important tools in ensuring the continued preservation and maintenance of the City's street network. Additional efforts, however, will be necessary to improve coordination and prioritize much need pavement preservation work.

BSS is in the early stages of developing a new approach to the Pavement Preservation Program by focusing on long-range planning in an effort to increase transparency and coordination, and minimize conflicts.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to report on the following: (1) the progress of efforts to develop long-range plans for the Pavement Preservation Program; (2) how long-range planning will be utilized to mitigate conflicts with planned street work; and (3) an update on outstanding conflicts and efforts to resolve all outstanding holds.

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