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In recent years, the City has considered several approaches to addressing street disrepair to minimize the number and frequency of street cuts. In those discussions, the issue of utility installations and repairs performed in the public right of way was a common theme. Each year, the City issues roughly 12,000 permits for such work, resulting in the removal and restoration of large segments of the City's streets. High quality repairs, performed pursuant to effective standards, are key to preserving City streets and ensuring the effective use of street repair funds.

On June 30, 2017, following a year-long process which included workshops and industry outreach, the Bureau of Engineering adopted Standard Plan S-477-0 which incorporates "t-cuts and t-caps" into the standards for street repairs following utility street cuts. Beginning September 1, 2017, these new standards will be incorporated into all utility permits issued by the City. This new standard will minimize the damage caused by street cuts. In order for these new requirements to be effective, the City must ensure compliance by all permit holders.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Engineering and the Bureau of Contract Administration be instructed to report within 60 days on the implementation of the new trench repair Standard Plan S-477-0, including any challenges encountered in implementing the new standard, an update on the number of permits issued since September 1, 2017, the number of restorations that have been completed in accordance with the new standard plan, and any additional resources which may be required to ensure that utilities are complying with the new standard.

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