

Every year, the City approves a budget for the Bureau of Street Services that sets forth goals and performance objectives for street resurfacing, large asphalt repairs, and pothole and other small asphalt repairs. In past years, the performance of the Bureau has been measured by the number of lane miles or number of square feet of projects completed. These performance standards do not adequately capture the urgency of the City's most important street condition priority: the safety of the public using our streets.

The Bureau of Street Services is frequently called upon to prioritize the expenditure of its limited resources based on a wide variety of considerations, including Council district priorities, neighborhood demands, aesthetics, cost efficiency per mile, preventive maintenance vs. repairs, etc. In meeting all of the various and often conflicting demands for its services, the Bureau should always place the highest priority on public safety.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Services to produce a report to develop the following:

- 1) A set of policies and procedures to more efficiently monitor known conditions in the City's streets and sidewalks that could be potentially dangerous, identify the appropriate mitigations to improve threats to public safety resulting from them, and track the progress at implementing those mitigations.
- 2) Criteria for assessing the severity of conditions that could be potentially dangerous, including a threshold for when the Bureau will, either at its own discretion or upon a report to Council, redirect staff and construction resources away from work that is less critical for public safety, or consider adding the services of contractors to meet the demand for repairs.
- 3) Appropriate budgetary performance metrics for assessing the Bureau's performance at resolving threats to the safety of the public in its use of the City's streets and sidewalks, and a strategy to begin measuring that performance beginning in the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

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