

MOTION

At 1:35am on August 23, 2020, a water main rupture was reported in the 10600 block of West Sunset Boulevard, causing Sunset Boulevard to be shut down and adversely affecting UCLA facilities and a nearby residential property. This break followed a more severe break in the same area on July 29, 2014.

City departments responded immediately, including Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) crews which were able to shut down the water main before 8 a.m. The Fire Department responded and found no threat to life or limb. The Bureau of Street Services began work to remove several toppled and compromised trees from the area. City workers worked around the clock to ensure that busy Sunset Blvd. was open for traffic in time for Monday morning commuters.

The water main rupture had a significant impact upon UCLA and the nearby residential area, so it is necessary to have DWP report as soon as possible on the status of the water main break, its causes, and ongoing efforts to avoid future similar problems.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to report as soon as possible to the Council regarding the latest Sunset Boulevard/UCLA water main break that occurred on August 23rd, 2020, and specifically include:

- Current status of the water main rupture and what caused it to occur;
- Operational history of the water main and whether it had any prior physical integrity issues;
- The DWP's water infrastructure program and whether the ruptured water main was scheduled for repair/upgrades;
- Steps the DWP is taking to minimize water main ruptures/leaks and their impact on the public and property; including new technologies that can help identify water system physical integrity issues prior to ruptures;
- The status of the DWP's long-term water infrastructure program and efforts to replace aging water system components and improve system reliability; including a review/assessment of a more rapid pace of system replacement.

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