

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to reporting on the neighborhoods that are most significantly impacted by outages and ensuring that street lights impacted by theft are restored within seven days; a comprehensive strategy to prevent metal theft from occurring; strategies for enforcing the law and holding metal thieves accountable for their crimes; and, the potential criminal, civil liability, regulatory and permitting regimens of scrap metal businesses that receive property stolen from the City.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Krekorian, Blumenfield, O'Farrell - Rodriguez):

1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) to report within 30 days on the neighborhoods that are most significantly impacted by outages, and particularly where there are repeated outages, and the budget and staffing needs to ensure that any street light impacted by theft is restored within seven days of the city's discovery of the outage.
2. INSTRUCT the BSL to report to the Council within 30 days with a comprehensive strategy to prevent metal theft from occurring in the first place, including reinforcing the public infrastructure to make metal components less accessible to criminals, and with recommendations on any necessary policy changes and budgetary and staffing needs to ensure the success of the strategy.
3. INSTRUCT the BSL to work with the Los Angeles Police Department to identify strategies for enforcing the law and holding metal thieves accountable for their crimes, including the possibility of marking and affixing GPS trackers in often-stolen pieces of city equipment to begin tracing the destination of stolen city goods and identify patterns of organized criminal activity.
4. INSTRUCT the CLA and the City Attorney to report on the potential criminal and civil liability of scrap metal businesses that receive property stolen from the City, and options to impose a regulatory and permitting regimen on scrap metal businesses and metal recyclers that would allow the City to shut down any such business that fails to conduct due diligence on the origin of the materials that it receives.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Westside Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 9, 2022, your Public Works Committee considered a Motion (Krekorian, Blumenfield, O'Farrell - Rodriguez) relative to reporting on the neighborhoods that are most significantly impacted by outages and ensuring that street lights impacted by theft are restored within seven days; a comprehensive strategy to prevent metal theft from occurring; strategies for enforcing the law and holding metal thieves accountable for their crimes; and, the potential criminal, civil liability, regulatory and permitting regimens of scrap metal businesses that receive property stolen from the City.

After an opportunity for public comment was held, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BLUMENFIELD	YES
LEE	YES
DE LEÓN	YES
O'FARRELL	YES
KORETZ	ABSENT

ME 3/9/22

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