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During the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Los Angeles, like many cities across the nation, faced reductions in city services as resources were reallocated to address public health and safety concerns. Among the services impacted was street sweeping, a crucial function that ensures clean streets, prevents pollutants from entering storm drains, and maintains the overall cleanliness and safety of our communities. As we have emerged from the pandemic and returned to full city operations, it is critical to reassess and enhance our street sweeping services to ensure that all areas of the City have equitable access to this essential service.

Many neighborhoods in the City still lack regular street sweeping routes, leading to unsightly streets and the accumulation of debris, which can pose environmental and health risks. Additionally, outdated signage in areas where street sweeping does occur often leads to confusion for residents and inconsistent service delivery. In an effort to promote citywide cleanliness, reduce environmental hazards, and ensure equity in city services, it is essential that the City of Los Angeles evaluate and update its street sweeping policies and infrastructure.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council directs the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the City’s current street sweeping policies and routes. This report should include:

- Feasibility of expanding services to all areas of the City that do not currently receive regular street sweeping.
- An analysis of how the department has selected existing street sweeping routes and how the department will select new street sweeping routes.
- The development of a street sweeping schedule such as weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly, tailored to the specific needs of different neighborhoods.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council directs StreetsLA, the Department of Transportation, and the City Administrative Officer (CAO) to report back on the costs and feasibility of updating street signage related to street sweeping, ensuring that all signs are clear, current, and accurately reflect sweeping schedules, and to develop a timeline for when the updated signage will be posted throughout the City.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council directs StreetsLA, in partnership with the CAO, to assess the staffing and equipment needs necessary to expand street sweeping services, report back on potential costs and funding options, and to also evaluate the adequacy and efficiency of current street sweeping resources to determine if they can meet the expanded service needs.

I FURTHER MOVE that Council directs StreetsLA to evaluate and report back on the feasibility of acquiring new street sweeping equipment with integrated technology that provides real-time notifications to the community when streets have been swept, enhancing transparency and service delivery.

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