

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES
REPORT NO.1**

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**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY
of Los Angeles California**

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AND REFERRED TO THE MAYOR


**Executive Officer
Board of Public Works**

AND REFERRED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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Honorable Board of Public Works
of the City of Los Angeles

Commissioners:

**AUTHORITY FOR THE BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES TO ACCEPT GRANT
FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES, RECYCLING,
AND RECOVERY**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Public Works:

1. THAT your Board approve and forward this report forthwith, with its transmittal, to the Mayor and City Council, with the recommendation that the City Council, subject to concurrence of the Mayor, authorize the Bureau of Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division to accept funds allocated for fiscal years 2023-2024 through 2027-2028 from the California Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery for grants to Local Enforcement Agencies, cities and counties with regulatory authority within city and county governments to perform enforcement, compliance and surveillance activities at waste tire facilities.

TRANSMITTALS

1. A draft Resolution authorizing the Local Agency Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Application renewal for the 2023-2024 through 2027-2028 fiscal years needed for the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery application.
2. Board of Public Works report BPW-2018-0634 adopted on August 8, 2018, authorizing the grant renewals from 2018-2019 through 2023-2024.
3. The signed Resolution authorizing the Local Agency Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Application renewal for the 2018-2019 through 2023-2024 fiscal years
4. Page 16 of the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery Grant Application Instructions with the Resolution Requirement.

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RECITAL

Illegal dumping is a major problem throughout the City of Los Angeles. It impacts public health, safety, property values and the quality of life. This is not only a blight problem, but also an element of the “broken window” theory related to the increase in more significant criminal activity. Much of the illegally dumped waste in the City comes from discarded tires. These waste tires pose a special danger.

According to the California State Fire Marshall “Rings of Fire” publication, “Tire fires are hot, long and frustrating to emergency responders who define success as being able to mitigate every emergency situation quickly. Tire fires can last months and in some cases years polluting the air, soil, and water. Unregulated tire piles provide habitat for wild animals and disease carrying pests like mosquitoes.”

The Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery Local Agency Waste Tire Enforcement Grant Program establishes licensing and bonding of transporters, requires records of transport and disposal, permitting of large scale waste tire facilities, fines for non-compliance and makes the Bureau of Street Services eligible for funding for our waste tire enforcement program.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The receipt of grant funds will allow the City to improve its existing illegal dumping and waste tire enforcement program. Acceptance of these funds will lessen the burden on the General Fund which provides funding for the current Street Services Investigator illegal dumping and waste tire enforcement efforts to address serious quality of life issues in the communities where illegal dumping is an ongoing battle.

Respectfully Submitted,



for

KEITH MOZEE

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