


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: April 8, 2025

To: Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Honorable Heather Hutt, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager
Department of Transportation 

Subject: **2025 WINDSTORM AND WILDFIRE RECOVERY STATUS OF AFFECTED CITY-OWNED INFRASTRUCTURE**

SUMMARY

In response to Council File (CF) 25-0006-S23, this report provides the Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) evaluation and assessment of City-owned infrastructure impacted by the Palisades Fire and other January 2025 wildfires within the City of Los Angeles (City). The damage to City infrastructure that is under LADOT's purview is limited to impacts to traffic signals, signal boxes, signage, and paint in the roadways.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council NOTE and AND FILE this report.

BACKGROUND

On January 7, 2025, a Declaration of Local Emergency was issued by the Office of the Mayor due to the development of a windstorm with gusts exceeding 100 miles per hour and extreme fire danger conditions, including active fires in the Pacific Palisades and Hollywood areas. An updated Declaration was issued on January 13, 2025, after the extensive damage caused by the Palisades Fire and other fires in the City.

On January 14, the City Council (Council) directed the LADOT to evaluate and report on the status of infrastructure affected by the fires in the communities impacted by the Palisades Fire and other wildfires across the City. This report summarizes the initial assessment of impacts to transportation infrastructure and status of repairs at the current time.

DISCUSSION

As a result of the initial Declaration of Local Emergency and in coordination with the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during and after the Palisades, Sunset, Archer, and Hurst Fires, LADOT worked to identify, inspect, evaluate, and repair City transportation infrastructure that may be impacted by the fires and emergency response. LADOT responded to reports of damage and requests for inspection from the EOC, from other City agencies and Council offices, as well as State and Federal responders and members of the community.

LADOT's efforts included inspection, assessment, and repair of transportation infrastructure consisting of traffic signals, signal boxes, signage, street paint, and parking meters and pay stations. Specifically, LADOT addressed:

- Fire damaged traffic control equipment at 32 locations
- Wind damaged traffic control equipment at 18 locations
- Fire damaged signage at 31 locations
- Destruction/ removal of parking meters and pay stations

Please note that this information is current as of April 14th, 2025. LADOT continues to receive weekly damage assessments from the Bureau of Engineering. These assessments are then addressed by LADOT field staff to conduct evaluations and repairs. To date, the cost of damage to the traffic infrastructure is estimated at \$143,600. These numbers will continue to be updated as additional damage assessments are completed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the General Fund. This report describes activities needed to assess, repair, and reconstruct transportation infrastructure damaged by the January fires. LADOT is working closely with the City Administrative Office to provide cost estimates and support efforts to secure Federal and State reimbursement for eligible costs.

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