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The Harbor Gateway's geography is narrow and long, and bound by a north-south corridor, situated approximately between Vermont Avenue and Figueroa Street north of Interstate 405 (I-405), and Western and Normandie avenues south of I-405. The northern limit of the Gateway, Imperial Highway, is known to some as the "Shoestring Strip" and is city street just north of Interstate 105. The territory was acquired by the city of Los Angeles in a shoestring annexation, specifically to connect San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City and the Port of Los Angeles with the rest of the city.

As Harbor Gateway is bound by several freeways, there are several underpasses that dominate the landscape of the north-south corridor. These underpasses frequently experience lighting deficiencies, whether that be single lighting outages or copper wire theft, which can be a safety issue for pedestrians and vehicles. Underpasses that currently have lighting deficiencies include:

- 182nd Street and the 110 Freeway
- Gardena Boulevard and the 110 Freeway
- Alondra Boulevard and the 110 Freeway
- Main Street and the 105 Freeway
- San Pedro Street and the 105 Freeway
- Figueroa Boulevard and the 91 Freeway

Underpasses provide a particular challenge and a unique opportunity to invest in sustainable, creative alternatives to traditional lighting. Examples of these solutions include artistic or colored LED lights installed for underpasses in cities across the United States. In order to increase community safety as well as ensure that city services are being delivered to the Harbor Gateway, the City should explore immediate and long term plans to help keep the lights on for these areas.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Street Lighting, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer, to report to the Council with a staffing plan and identified funding to combat lighting deficiencies for the underpasses listed above, as well as any remaining underpasses prone to lighting deficiencies in the Harbor Gateway area.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Bureau of Street Lighting to report back on creative solutions to lighting deficiencies related to underpasses, and for the potential to pilot artistic lighting solutions in the Harbor Gateway area.

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