

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the status of broadband co-location deployments and efforts to bridge the digital divide.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Controller, subject to the creation of the Digital Inclusion Fund, to transfer appropriations in the amount of \$4 million from the Unappropriated Balance to the Digital Inclusion Fund to implement the Digital Inclusion Program:

	<u>Fund/Dept</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
From:	100/58	580351	Digital Inclusion	\$4,000,000
To:	100/54	TBD	Digital Inclusion	\$4,000,000

2. AUTHORIZE the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) to make necessary technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer; and, AUTHORIZE the Controller to implement the instructions and technical adjustments.
3. AUTHORIZE the General Manager, BSL, or designee, as the administrative and fiscal agent for the Digital Inclusion Fund, to facilitate receipt and disbursement of the funds to each participating department as outlined in the implementation plan found in the BSL report dated September 9, 2021, attached to the Council file.
4. INSTRUCT the BSL to:
 - a. Report to the Mayor and Council a full accounting of the funds, the scope of projects funded, an update on the execution of the projects, and an assessment of the program.
 - b. Coordinate with each participating department to produce and submit to the Mayor and Council a detailed project proposal for each new project or program requesting disbursement from the Digital Equity Fund.
 - c. Working with the Connectivity and Digital Inclusion Working Group, report to Mayor and Council on a spending plan for the \$10 million intended for Broadband for Low-Income Communities in the Unappropriated Balance.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The BSL reports that the \$5 million for the Digital Inclusion Program has been budgeted as part of the 2021-22 Adopted Budget in the Unappropriated Balance. There is no additional General Fund impact. The creation of a Digital Inclusion Fund will effectuate the goals of the Digital Inclusion Program. This will allow funds to carryover past Fiscal Year 2021 and fund selected projects. The funds deposited in the special fund account would be exclusively for the Digital Inclusion Program.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

SUMMARY

At the meeting held on September 15, 2021, your Public Works Committee considered a BSL report relative to the status of broadband co-location deployments and efforts to bridge the digital divide.

After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the BSL’s recommendations as amended, 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 9/15/21

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