

MOTION

BUDGET & FINANCE

Over the past several years, the City has implemented numerous street safety and streetscape programs across Los Angeles, and will continue to do so. These include projects on Reseda Boulevard, Avalon Boulevard, Venice Boulevard, Adams Boulevard, Jefferson Boulevard, Main Street, Spring Street, and 7th Street.

Many of these projects include elements that have long been used in other cities, but have not been frequently installed in Los Angeles. These include bus boarding islands with railings, bike lanes protected by curbs or bollards that cannot accommodate standard street sweepers, bioswales and other stormwater treatments often landscaped with native and drought-tolerant plants, sophisticated striping plans to channeling traffic, and more.

While the City has been very successful in securing grant funding for the capital costs of these projects, it has not necessarily ensured that their on-going maintenance is adequately funded and staffed. Without adequate maintenance, projects that have been designed to improve safety, provide environmental benefits, and beautify the City gradually lose their effectiveness.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services (BSS), with the assistance of the Bureau of Engineering and Department of Transportation, be instructed to report back regarding the additional funding and staffing needed to maintain traffic safety and streetscape projects, with a focus on elements that BSS has not historically had to maintain.

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