

PUBLIC WORKS

MOTION

Street sweeping is an important function provided by the Bureau of Street Services on thousands of miles of streets across the city. Posted street sweeping, where there are signs that prohibit parking during certain days and hours in order to sweep streets, primarily exist in residential neighborhoods. While some commercial corridors and industrial areas do have posted street sweeping, budget cuts have limited how frequently these routes can be swept.

Due to the high volume of trash produced in commercial and industrial areas, it would behoove the city to restore existing AM hours in commercial and industrial areas while also significantly expanding the ability to do one-time sweeping on in these areas.

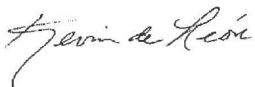
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services report back on the resources needed to fully staff AM posted commercial routes as well as those posted commercial routes that have non-AM routes that could be converted to AM routes.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services report back on the resources needed in order to significantly increase the frequency of one-time street sweeping for non-posted commercial and industrial areas.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services be instructed to ensure that the Motor Sweeper Optimization Study effectively evaluates cleanliness in commercial and industrial areas.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services report back on any supplemental Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget requests that need to be submitted in order to effectuate the aforementioned recommendations of this motion.

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DATE: April 5, 2022

TO: Public Works Committee

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SUBJECT: CF 22-0123 STREET SWEEPING RESOURCES FOR AM COMMERCIAL ROUTES AND COMMERCIAL OPEN ROUTES

The Council instructed the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA) to report on the resources needed for enhanced motor sweeping on commercial corridors (CF 22-0123).

BACKGROUND

Reduced Staffing for Cleaning Streets

Over the past 13 fiscal years, the number of authorized positions within StreetsLA tasked with maintaining a clean and nuisance-free streetscape has been reduced from 308 positions in FY 2008-09 to 98 positions in FY 2021-22. The core Streets Sweeping program has been reduced from 263 regular positions in FY 2008-09 to just 91 positions in FY 2021-22, with another 7 resolution positions devoted to specialty cleaning of on-street bikeways and the Great Streets corridors. The Street Sweeping program was reduced significantly during the pandemic due to 18 employees leaving city service via the Separation Incentive Program. As a result of the reduced staffing, the sweeping frequency of posted routes was reduced from weekly to biweekly in early 2021.

The StreetsLA citywide motor sweeping program is organized in three categories: (i) Posted Routes with signage prohibiting parking between certain hours on a particular weekday (34% of the street network), (ii) Early AM routes with signage prohibiting parking during certain early morning hours on a daily basis (11% of the network), and (iii) Open Routes without sweeping-related parking restrictions, which are swept as resources allow. The current sweeping frequency of the AM Routes is daily for Downtown LA and weekly for the Great Streets Corridors. To supplement the sweeping program, StreetsLA arranges one-time special posted sweeping on an as-needed basis, informed by constituent requests to the MyLA311 system for sweeping in a particular location.

Sweeping Optimization Study

In response to the City Controller Audit of 2017, (“Audit on a More Dynamic, Efficient Approach to Street Sweeping,”) StreetsLA has been provided with \$1 million in FY 2021-22 funding to hire a consultant to perform a street sweeping optimization study. The study will evaluate the current sweeping plan, best practices from other cities, and debris measurements, and then propose refinements to the sweeping plan to align resources with the greatest need. The study is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2022 and will comprise several phases, with the final phase estimated to be completed by the spring of 2024.

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENHANCE SWEEPING OF COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS

To create a significant improvement in the cleanliness of the commercial corridors, StreetsLA recommends adding dedicated staff to provide biweekly sweeping of the entire commercial street network, while continuing the daily sweeping of the AM Routes in Downtown LA.

The proposed staffing would be as follows, providing dedicated staff to each of the four geographic areas of the City, plus a downtown unit:

East Valley: (3) Motor Sweeper Operators, (1) Truck Operator
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 North Central: (4) Motor Sweeper Operators, (2) Truck Operators
 Bay Harbor: (4) Motor Sweeper Operators, (2) Truck Operators
 Downtown LA (2) Motor Sweeper Operators, (1) Truck Operator

The total staffing would be increased by 24 positions:

Qty	Class Code	Classification	Comments	Cost per Position	Total Additional Cost
7	3583-0	Truck Operator	Increased by 6	\$68,491	\$410,946
16	3585-0	Motor Sweeper Operator	Increased by 14	\$81,864	\$1,146,096
1	7213-0	GIS Specialist to support data collection and analysis		\$83,103	\$83,103
24		Total	Increased by 24		\$1,640,145

StreetsLA's current fleet of full-size CNG motor sweepers would be sufficient to support this optimized program for sweeping the commercial corridors.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Executive Officer Greg Spotts, at (213) 847-3333.

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