



Motion to IEC

Monday, July 6, 2026

Restoring road safety markings after utility cuts

Summary

There are a variety of road markings that make important contributions to the safety of vulnerable road users, such as crosswalk markings and bike lane markings. When utility companies or city contractors cut into a road, they typically destroy the safety markings. When they subsequently pave or patch the excavated location, they often do not restore the lost safety markings in a timely manner. The cumulative effect can be substantial elimination of essential road safety markings to the serious detriment of vulnerable road users.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to strengthen the existing post-completion process within the Road Disruption Activity Reporting System (RoDARS), and to require each RODARS applicant to fully reinstate all safety markings within the public right-of-way within two weeks of closing the excavation.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to require any RoDARS applicant, as a condition of permit closeout following work within the public right-of-way, to prove, with photographic documentation, that it has fully reinstated all pavement markings within two weeks of closing the excavation.

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