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MOTION

To Provide a Report and Policy Update on Small Business Support During City Construction

WE MOVE that the Administration prepare a report and updated policy within 30 days for supporting small businesses during road closures.

STATEMENT

The repairs along and adjacent to Columbia Parkway have caused unintentional and unintended harm to the surrounding businesses. Repairs are a necessary and normal part of city business, but when road closure signs go up, starting with the “road closed ahead” sign, potential patrons can be confused as to whether businesses are open along the road construction and closure.

We are seeking an updated policy by the Administration to ensure that we reduce the impact to small businesses as much as possible, starting with the “road closed ahead” sign. This policy should include regular, proactive communication on the progress of the work and timeline to the impacted businesses along the construction and closure and updated signage starting with the first “road closed ahead” sign to make clear which businesses are open during the construction.

This report should also explore any potential opportunities to create grants or loans for impacted businesses.

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