

March 2026 - Zone 3 Director Report — Andrew Marton

A significant swath of Zone 3 was left without street lighting following a series of copper wire thefts from streetlight poles that occurred between late December 2025 and the first week of January 2026 — affecting at least 15 blocks across Purdue, Butler, Corinth, Rose (Sawtelle to Colbert), Kingsland, Stanwood (Sawtelle to Butler), and Clover. When the city's initial repair estimate came in at 270 days, I contacted Councilwoman Traci Park's office directly to escalate the matter. Through her intervention and coordination with LAPD and the Bureau of Street Lighting, repairs were completed in a matter of months rather than the nearly year-long wait residents would otherwise have faced.

The issue drew broader attention in February when Councilwomen Park and Katy Yaroslavsky held a community press conference — in front of my home — covered by ABC7 and other news outlets, highlighting the citywide backlog of outages caused by copper wire theft. Both councilmembers announced a joint commitment of \$500,000 in district funds to create a dedicated street light repair crew serving CD11 and CD5 and introduced a motion to explore converting streetlights to solar power as a long-term solution. Mar Vista Zone 3's experience helped put a local face on this regional public safety issue, and I will continue to monitor the situation and advocate for timely repairs should outages recur.

<https://abc7.com/post/mar-vista-residents-councilmembers-unite-address-streetlight-outages-linked-copper-wire-thefts/18604301/>

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