



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Larry D. Lisenbee

**SUBJECT: STREETLIGHT ELECTRICITY  
AND SAFETY IMPACTS**

**DATE:** 05-31-05

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Approved /s/

Date 06/01/05

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**BACKGROUND**

As part of the Mayor's March 2005 Budget Message, Council requested that the City Manager evaluate the potential cost savings of turning off streetlights along major arterial roads and how this would impact public and traffic safety.

**ANALYSIS**

No proposal in the 2005-2006 Proposed Budget would turn off streetlights.

The Compensation Impact Contingency Plan contains a proposal to reduce electricity costs by turning off approximately 5,500 streetlights (approximately 10% of the lights in the City). Under that proposal, lights would be disconnected from electrical service throughout the City along major arterial roads and in industrial areas where higher ambient light exists such as from large signs or parking lots and electrical consumption per streetlight is greatest. Along arterial roads, alternating streetlights would be turned off, except in the Downtown and at signalized intersections. Streetlights in residential areas would not be affected. This action would save an estimated \$460,000 in ongoing electricity costs.

If compensation negotiations require the City to rebalance its budget, staff will return to the City Council with a more in-depth evaluation of traffic safety and public safety considerations associated with the streetlights proposal, along with more detailed service level impacts for the other items contained in the Compensation Impact Contingency Plan.

/s/  
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