

San José Seeks Resident Input Prior to Adoption of New Streetlight Master Plan

Wednesday, July 21
7 PM - 9 PM, City Hall, Wing Room 120

- ◆ *Do you walk, bike, drive or jog around San José after dark?*
- ◆ *Are you concerned by the inability to discern colors under San José's yellow streetlights?*
- ◆ *Would you like to see the stars at night when you step out your back door?*
- ◆ *Are you eager to see your community reduce greenhouse gas emissions?*



LED and low pressure sodium streetlights included in San José March 2010 streetlight demonstration.

San José residents are encouraged to attend a community meeting on **Wednesday, July 21, 2010**, to provide input on the proposed Streetlight Master Plan, which will change the City's streetlight system. The final opportunity for public comment will be at the City Council meeting on August 31, 2010, where this item will be voted on.

The City of San José plans to convert all of its 62,000 streetlights to zero emission lights by 2022. The City has been testing "smart" LED energy efficient streetlights that can be dimmed in the late evening hours when traffic is minimal, to help achieve that goal.

Switching to "full spectrum" (white) LED lights and dimming them during off peak hours offers the potential to improve the quality of light on our streets, save energy, and protect the night sky. Currently, the City spends approximately \$4 million annually to power its streetlights. Data collected at a demonstration in early March 2010 indicated that residents preferred LED lights over the City's current streetlights.

More information on the City's streetlight conversion effort, and the March 2010 streetlight demonstration and study is posted at www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation/Streetlightdemo.asp. The proposed streetlight master plan and memo will be posted with the August 31 Council agenda. The final opportunity for public input will be at this meeting. Feel free to send questions to streetlightdemo@sanjoseca.gov.

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