



# Memorandum

**TO:** MAYOR LICCARDO  
**SUBJECT:** BUDGET DOCUMENT

**FROM:** Councilmember Ash Kalra  
**DATE:** 5/23/2016

Approved

*Ash Kalra*

Date

5/23/16

## RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

## Proposal

Program/Project Title: 1 FTE Electrician II & 1 Vehicle for Streetlight Maintenance Division

Amount of City Funding Required: \$330,000 (\$126,000 ongoing)

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): General Fund

This change is:

One-time       Ongoing

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

Currently, there are only 2 FTE Electricians II in the Streetlights Maintenance Division of the Department of Transportation to address streetlight outages and copper wire theft. They currently accomplish an average of 154 complex repairs per month, which is not adequate to keep up with ongoing repair requests with range from 145 – 220 per month. When reporting a streetlight outage, you are given a window of 14 - 16 weeks from date of referral for repair. This 14 – 16-week period is extreme, and can contribute to safety and blight concerns. With additional staffing, we can help reduce the wait time for streetlight fixtures, and address the growing backlog for streetlight repair. It is estimated that an addition of 1 FTE Electrician II (\$126,000) and an additional aerial lift truck (\$204,000) will increase the repair capacity to 230 lights per month.

**Funding Source**

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund): General Fund

Department or Organization: Department of Transportation

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