

Department of Transportation

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Resident Input Needed Prior to Selection of New San José Streetlights

San José, California – San José officials are seeking input from residents on different types of streetlights before developing recommendations for a new lighting system that will eventually be installed throughout San José. A community meeting to hear questions and comments will be held on **Wednesday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Roosevelt Community Center, located at 901 East Santa Clara Street, in San José.

A streetlight demonstration for San José residents was held in early March to gather input on different types of new lighting systems. On April 7th, the Department of Transportation will hold a follow-up community meeting to report out on survey data gathered from residents, and to outline proposed next steps for selecting and operating its new streetlights. Residents are encouraged to attend to provide further input and to ask questions.

Interested residents can still view the types of streetlights used in the demonstration, located on Hellyer Avenue between Piercy Road and Tenant Avenue, and are encouraged to do so before attending the community meeting on April 7. The lights are on loan to the City and are scheduled to be removed on April 15.

The City of San José made a commitment in its *Green Vision* to convert all of its 62,000 streetlights to zero emission lights—streetlights powered entirely by renewable energy—by 2022 as one way to reduce its carbon footprint. The City has been testing “smart” LED energy efficient streetlights that can be dimmed in the late evening hours to save costs.

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The City estimates that it could cut its annual \$4 million streetlight energy bill by more than half, by switching to this new type of streetlight. New lighting is expected to improve the quality of light on San José streets, reduce the City's energy bills and protect the night sky.

For more information about the project, go to:

www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation/Streetlightdemo.asp. Questions about the study can be sent to: streetlightdemo@sanjoseca.gov , or residents can call (408) 975-3226.

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