



DATE: February 15, 2017

TO: Michael O. Geisel, P.E.
City Administrator

FROM: James A. Eckrich, P.E. *[Signature]*
Public Works Director / City Engineer

RE: Long Road Streetlights

*Please forward to
PPW for decision
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2/15/2017*

In 2014 the St. Louis County Department of Transportation and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) transferred maintenance responsibilities for certain roads in western Chesterfield. Wild Horse Creek Road (from Kehrs Mill Road to Chesterfield Parkway) is now maintained by St. Louis County, while Long Road is now maintained by the Missouri Department of Transportation.

This section of Long Road currently contains 17 cobra style streetlights, attached to utility poles, from Chesterfield Airport Road to Wild Horse Creek Road. These lights are were previously funded by the St. Louis County Department of Transportation. However, since St. Louis County is no longer responsible for the maintenance of Long Road, it has notified Ameren Missouri that it will no longer fund these lights. MODOT has informed Ameren Missouri and the City of Chesterfield that these lights are not necessary and it will also not pay to provide service to these lights. Accordingly, unless the City of Chesterfield pays to provide service for the lights, Ameren will terminate electric service to the lights and eventually remove the light fixtures.

As you know, the City of Chesterfield generally does not fund streetlights, with few exceptions. These exceptions include decorative lights on Chesterfield Parkway (within landscaped islands), decorative lights on City owned Veteran's Place (near Central Park and the Amphitheater), lights at the Public Works Facility, and nine additional lights, located throughout the City, where streetlights have been authorized by City Council in accordance with Public Health and Safety Policy 7 (attached). The City of Chesterfield subdivision ordinance requires that streetlights within subdivisions are funded by the subdivisions.

Long Road is clearly a MODOT maintained roadway, and MODOT has determined that these streetlights are not necessary for the safe conveyance of traffic on Long Road. The City Staff believes that lighting a MODOT maintained roadway is not a good use of City funds. We fear that the City agreeing to fund these lights would not only encourage requests for additional lighting, but it could also result in future decisions by MODOT and St. Louis County to eliminate funding for other streetlights, given that the City of Chesterfield will likely fund the lights in the absence of State or County funding.

If the City of Chesterfield were to agree to fund the existing streetlights along Long Road, the cost would be approximately \$305 per month. For the reasons described above, I recommend that the City choose NOT to fund these lights. However, it is most appropriate that this decision be made by the Planning and Public Works Committee.

Action Recommended

This matter should be forwarded to the Planning and Public Works Committee for consideration of whether the City should fund 17 streetlights on Long Road, at an estimated cost of \$305 per month. Should the Committee concur with Staff's recommendation and vote against funding the lights, a letter will be drafted and sent to both Ameren Missouri and MODOT indicating such. Should City Council vote in favor of funding these lights, the matter will be forwarded to the full City Council for the necessary Budget Amendment.

**CITY OF CHESTERFIELD
POLICY STATEMENT**

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

NO. 7

SUBJECT Street Light Installation

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POLICY

I. PURPOSE

This policy establishes guidelines for the approval and installation of streetlights throughout the City.

II. PROCEDURE

The City Council shall consider requests for the installation of streetlights only at intersections involving a City street intersecting with a State or County roadway. In addition, one or more of the following criteria must also be met.

1. The presence of a marked pedestrian crosswalk.
2. Close proximity to a public or private school.
3. Adjacent to large population concentrations (apartment complex, subdivision clubhouse facility, public or subdivision recreational facility, etc.).
4. Any quantitatively identifiable high accident location where lack of lighting has been determined to be a causative factor or contributing circumstance.
5. Any intersection not currently illuminated by another light system, the lack of which in the opinion of the City Engineering Department poses a hazard to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Department Head/Council Committee (if applicable)

6/17/1999
Date

APPROVED BY:



City Administrator

6/18/99
Date

City Council (if applicable)

Date