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MEMORANDUM

To:

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From:

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Subject: Funding for Street Lighting Operating and Capital Expenses

At the Public Works on December 2, 2020, questions were asked about the Street Lighting Fee as it relates to the Street Lighting Capital Program. Below are the funds allocated to the Street Lighting Fee for Operation and Maintenance and the Capital Improvement Programs.

Street Lighting Fee

The Street Lighting Fee approved as part of the 2021 Budget is set to raise \$9,708,670 of revenue in 2021 to fund the cost of operating and maintaining the City's street lights. The type of expenses covered by the Street Lighting Fee include the cost of repairing street lighting outages, the cost of the electricity to power the City's street lights, and the cost of materials and equipment needed by Electrical Services staff to keep the City's street lights operational.

Below is a breakdown of how the \$9.7 million raised through the Street Lighting Fee will be spent in 2021:

- \$4 million for costs associated with the salary of Electrical Services Electricians and other staff who operate and maintain City street lights
- \$3.5 million for the cost of electricity to power the street lighting system
- \$1.2 million for operating expenses such as parts and materials and administrative costs associated with billing
- \$750,000 for equipment, including electricians' trucks and boring machines
- \$300,000 for the Public Safety Lighting Improvements special fund

The Street Lighting Fee does not fund the Street Lighting Capital Improvements Program. The 2021 Budget continues to fund the Street Lighting Capital Program using levy-supported General Obligation borrowing.

DPW's response to street lighting service complaints will significantly improve as a result of a Street Lighting Fee. The recruitment and training of new Electricians to fill vacant positions will take several months. However, it may take as long as two years before service levels and response times reach the City's goals.



Street Lighting Capital Improvement Program (\$9,300,000)

Street Lighting Budget Capital Improvement Program that was included in the budget for 2021. Below is a breakdown of the 2021 Program:

Paving Program \$3,200,00

City Paving Program:

- S 7th St from Maplewood to Abbott
- S 14th St from Becher to Forest Home
- N 18th St from Fond Du Lac to North
- N 19th St from Fond Du Lac to North
- N 23rd St from Keefe to Vienna
- N 28th St from Teutonia to Fairmont
- N 29th St from Lisbon to North
- S 45th St & S 47th St from Crawford to Tripoli
- N 60th St from McKinley to Vliet
- N 81st St from Acacia to Casper
- N 87th St from Lisbon to Melvina
- N 95th Ct
- E Auer Av from Dousman to Humboldt
- W Bradley Rd from 87th to 91st
- W Clinton Av and N 76th St
- W Concordia Av from 20 to 22nd
- W Custer Av from Dexter to N 2th
- W Custer Av from 13th to Green Bay
- N Dousman Av and Auer
- W Fairmount Av from Hopkins to Sherman
- W Fernwood Cr. And Honey Creek Dr
- W Grant St from 33rd to 35th
- S Lenox St from Norwich to Howard
- W Monroe St from 18th to North
- W Philip PI from 58th to 60th
- W Ruby Av from 36th to Sherman
- W Thruston Av from 87th to 91st
- E Tripoli Av from Kansas to Brust
- W Valley Forge Dr from Hawley to city limits
- W Whitaker Av from 20th to Louisiana
- High Impact Program (23 projects)
- Handicap Ramp projects.

State Paving Program:

- S 70th St over CPRR to Hast
- N 76th St and Hampton Ave
- Center, Lisbon and N 60th Intersection
- Hampton Av Bridge over Milwaukee River
- W Walnut Av from 12th to 20th
- Howard from 6th to Clement
- N 20th St from North to Hopkins
- Street Lighting Substation \$500,000

Transformer replacement

Underground stations assessment

- Neighborhood Lighting program \$5,100,000
 - Upgrade Street and Alley Lighting (citywide)
 - o Harp Light LED Conversion (Area 1- see attached map)

- o Excavation repairs (citywide)
- o Remove Series Circuitry
 - NM 7&8 W Glendale to Hampton, W Lincoln to N 58th St
 - SO 5&6 S 23rd St to S 14th St, Howard to Warimont Av
 - NG 5&6 N Hopkins from Villard to north of Congress
- o Pole, Cable and Misc. equipment upgrades (citywide)
- o Uncollectable Pole Knockdowns & Repairs (citywide)
- o LED street light conversion (Area 1- see attached map)
- Engineering \$500,000







