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Brighter Lights on Our City Streets

LED Streetlight Conversion Continues in Fruitvale District

Oakland, CA – The City of Oakland is currently converting 30,000 existing High Pressure Sodium (HPS) cobra head streetlights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) streetlights citywide. Replacement of the existing streetlight fixtures with the new LED fixtures provides a better quality of light that will enhance public safety. In addition, the conversion project saves resources as the new LED technology is more energy efficient and the bulbs have a longer lifespan. Oakland is one of first municipalities nationally to implement or in the process of converting wide-scale LED lighting.

Project began installation in June and to date has converted more than 19,000 streetlights city-wide. “The program again proves that Oakland is a national leader in green innovation, saving money and the environment while boosting public safety,” said Mayor Jean Quan. “These lights are brighter but burn less energy, which means we’re reducing our energy bills and our energy use at the same time, and their much longer lifespan also means we’re reducing our e-waste footprint. Everyone who has contributed to this project is helping Oaklanders and making our City proud.”

Press Conference

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2013

Time 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Foothill Boulevard & Coolidge Avenue (north-east corner of intersection)

Speakers & Invited Guests: Councilmember District 5 Noel Gallo, representatives from Oakland Public Works Agency, Oakland Police Department, Amland Corp and AEKO Consulting

“We are saving more than 50% of our costs on energy and our maintenance costs are extremely low. Most importantly, we will brighten up our streets to assist Oakland in reducing violent crimes, from robberies to shootings,” stated Councilmember Gallo.

The LED conversion project provides many benefits to several different audiences, with the primary goal to support public safety with brighter and better lighting, with less glare and fewer ‘dark spots’ between poles. Significant energy savings results in lower power consumption and a healthier environment. LED streetlights require less maintenance and have a longer lifespan (15 years minimum).

Project costs are estimated at \$14.8 million including an estimated \$2.9 million in incentive rebates from PG&E. For more information, visit our website at www.oaklandpw.com.

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