

Request for Council Action

Originator Engineering	Item New Street Light Installation Approval - Johnson Avenue at Jefferson High School
Agenda Section Consent	Date 12/15/2014

Description

In late October 2014 there was an incident reported involving a pedestrian in the crosswalk on Johnson Avenue at the Jefferson High School Driveway. As part of a routine follow-up safety evaluation done by the City, it was noted that the incident occurred before school, during dawn or sunrise. The evaluation also noted that because this is not an intersection, there is no intersection lighting and the closest street light is approximately 355 feet north of this crosswalk.

The City and School District have identified a planned pedestrian safety improvement for this Johnson Avenue crosswalk that includes a curb bump out to shorten the crosswalk and addition of RRFB enhancements to the signs and is currently pursuing funding opportunities through a surface transportation funding application and MnDOT Safe Routes to School funding application. However, the component of the project to add lighting can be completed now, prior to the rest of the project, to add an immediate safety improvement at a low cost and in a way that will not negatively affect any future improvements at this location.

All installation work would take place within the City Right of Way.

According to our procedure, the new street light would now be installed, subject to funding. Xcel Energy will install a new 150-watt high pressure luminaire with photoelectric control and a cobra head cut-off fixture (which is called for in our standards.) There would be no up-front cost for the new light pole installation. The lighting cost would be about \$17.55 per month.

Funding for the monthly lighting cost will come from fund 101-7502-425-63-01.

Requested Action

Staff recommends approval of the installation of the new local street light on Johnson Avenue on the south side of the Jefferson High School Driveway, over the school crossing.

Attachments: