



Date: May 11, 2021

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Eric Lopez, Director of Public Works 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Street Light Operations and Maintenance Now Provided by Public Works**

---

In 1996, streetlight operations and maintenance were contracted to City Light & Power (CLP). The 25-year contract expired on April 30, 2021. As the contract was nearing the end of its term, the Public Works Department evaluated the budget and operational functions to identify the best option to continue streetlight operations. Based on that review, it was determined that the City could achieve significant cost savings by bringing the streetlight program back in-house. The City Council approved staff's recommendation as part of the Adopted Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 21) Budget. During the term of their agreement, CLP performed very well and served as a great partner to the City. As such, we are grateful for their service and assistance throughout the years and are currently exploring opportunities to continue our partnership in a revised role to strategically leverage their knowledge and understanding of our street lighting system and other public facilities.

As of May 1, 2021, the Street Light Program is now housed in the Department of Public Works, Public Service Bureau, Traffic Operations Division. The Program's inventory has over 31,000 fixtures that provide illumination for streetlights, parks facilities, public parking lots, piers, and tunnels. Services provided include re-lamping, knockdowns, emergency response, routine maintenance, and new construction.

To facilitate reporting streetlight issues and work requests, please refer to the following contact information:

Phone Number: (562) 570-3264  
Traffic Operations Email: [PW\\_-\\_Traffic\\_Operations\\_Division@longbeach.gov](mailto:PW_-_Traffic_Operations_Division@longbeach.gov)  
GO Long Beach App (recommended for fastest response/service)

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Malcolm Oscarson, Public Service Bureau Manager, at (562) 570-2780.

cc: CHARLES PARKIN, CITY ATTORNEY  
DOUGLAS P. HAUBERT, CITY PROSECUTOR  
LAURA L. DOUD, CITY AUDITOR  
LINDA F. TATUM, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER  
KEVIN JACKSON, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER  
TERESA CHANDLER, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER  
REBECCA G. GARNER, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER  
MONIQUE DE LA GARZA, CITY CLERK  
DEPARTMENT HEADS