



## Commission Meeting

February 21, 2023

### Street Lighting Program ARPA Funds Allocation

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<b>Department:</b>	Engineering & Environmental Services
<b>Presenter:</b>	Hameed Malik, Director
<b>Caption:</b>	Approve and Authorize allocating \$800,000 from Street Lighting Program ARPA designated funds to Greene Street Lighting Reconstruction at segment between 5th Street & East Boundary. Requested by Engineering
<b>Background:</b>	<p>In March 2021 passage of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and establishment of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) provided a great opportunity to advance and accelerate projects enhancing / improving public recreation and public safety including street lighting. Street Lighting at Greene Street segment between 5th Street &amp; East Boundary is non-functional due to aging faulty underground electrical wiring. This is creating public safety concerns. Augusta Engineering, under Transportation Investment Act (TIA) funding, developed street lighting replacement construction plans as part of this segment roadway &amp; drainage improvements construction. However, construction funds allocated to complete intended improvements are not sufficient due to current construction market and several uncontrolled variables such as significant increase in material production cost, severe shortage of skilled workforce and significant increase in construction work at present.</p>
<b>Analysis:</b>	<p>Augusta Commission in FY2022 Budget approved allocating \$6,000,000.00 ARPA funds to street lighting improvements. Approval distributed funds utilization/obligation over FY2021 through FY2024 budgeted period. Allocated funds utilization, through street lighting budgets, review reveals that out of allocated \$6,000,000 only \$2,643,440 has been utilized/obligated. Accordingly, \$3,356,560.00 should be not obligated yet. Greene Street Segment between 5th Street &amp; East Boundary Street Lighting replacement/construction cost is \$838,493.00. To complete this segment street lighting, Augusta Engineering needs supplement funds and requesting utilizing \$800,000.00 from street lighting ARPA allocated available balance of \$3,356,560.00. With this obligation (if approved), remaining street lighting allocated unobligated balance will be \$2,556,560.00.</p>
<b>Financial Impact:</b>	No additional impact.
<b>Alternatives:</b>	Explore & identify alternate funding source

**Recommendation:** Approve and Authorize allocating \$800,000 from Street Lighting Program ARPA designated funds to Greene Street Lighting Reconstruction at segment between 5th Street & East Boundary. Requested by Engineering

**Funds are available in the following accounts:** (\$800,000) – ARPA funds (Streetlighting Program)

**REVIEWED AND** HM/SR  
**APPROVED BY:**