



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
March 10, 2025

Submitted by:
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Item Title: PEPCO| Street Light Update – March 2025

This report provides the Town Council with an update on the Street Lights in Bladensburg.

Work Session Item [X]
Council Meeting Item [X]

Documentation Attached:
PEPCO Documents
FAQ, Draft Contract

Recommended Action:

Provide staff with feedback on the materials and provide any direction to staff on how to proceed.

Summary: Over the last several months, the Town has collaborated with PEPCO on a comprehensive lighting survey to assess the billing and ownership of streetlights within Town boundaries. Recently, the town was informed that the State Highway Administration (SHA) has pushed back on the municipalities that, without a prior agreement, all poles that are within municipalities on state roads are the responsibility of those agencies. Therefore, in Bladensburg, many of the lights on the state roads are being billed to the Town. This is an overall increase of 29.76% due to Town being found responsible to pay for lights on SHA right of way.

Streetlight Repairs

Streetlight Outages | The Town has now been made aware of the special team that has been assigned and is looking more proactively at PEPCO Streetlight outages.

Bridge Lights | We are also working with vendors to repair the streetlights that are on the bridge that finally repaired since they were not included as part of the PEPCO maintained lights within the Town.

Next Steps

1. **Streetlight Pricing:** Staff is still awaiting definitive pricing from PEPCO and will bring this information to the Council once received.
2. **Collaboration with Municipal Partners:** Staff will continue working with other municipalities to determine streetlight ownership and management strategies.
3. **Outage Updates:** Staff will inform the Council about outstanding and pending outage requests.
4. **Budget Discussion:** This will be added to the overall budget discussion. The Town has been adding Lights outside of the PEPCO process on 57th Avenue. There has been grant funding, but we will look at whether we can use these funds with PEPCO. Future LED replacements throughout the Town.

The Town Administrator will be available to answer any questions regarding this matter.

Budgeted Item: Yes [] No [X]
Budgeted Amount: \$ TBD
One-Time Cost: Ongoing
Ongoing Cost:

Continued Date:

Council Priority: Yes [] No []

Approved Date: