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Street Light Performance Audit to Help Improve Pedestrian and Motorist Safety

Seven Audit Recommendations to be Implemented by Management

SAN DIEGO – The Audit Committee, chaired by Councilmember Scott Sherman heard a performance audit which found that the Street Division’s street light repair service does not operate efficiently. According to the report, the goal of repairing street lights in an average of 12 days or less is not being met.

Other findings include, a lack of street light repair vehicles hindered repairs, and repair operations are not fully standardized.

The City Auditor’s office included seven recommendations to improve efficiencies and help the Street Division meet its 12 day repair goals. Management agreed to implement all recommendations.

Street lights are proven to improve traffic and pedestrian safety. Studies show that street lighting can reduce crash risk from 14 percent to 30 percent. San Diego operates approximately 60,000 street lights.

“Once again, a performance audit will not only increase efficiencies in city operations but could also reduce vehicle crashes and save lives,” said Councilmember Sherman. “I am proud of the work the Audit Committee and the City Auditor’s office has done to improve our City Government and give taxpayers the best value for their tax dollars.”

“Street light repair is a small but important function that helps provide visibility and improve traffic and pedestrian safety. The City needs to improve its timeliness of repair operations and overall management of the street light repair program,” said City Auditor Eduardo Luna

To review the full report, please click here: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/17-006_performance_audit_ped_safety.pdf

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