Street Light Open House Discussion

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How did you learn about the Open House?

- Postcard
- Website
- Facebook
- Nextdoor
- Neighbor
- Other?
What is causing the problem?

- Most street light outages are caused by a power source failure.
- Street lights are powered by a High Voltage Regulated Output (RO) Transformers.
- Problem is isolated to portions of the west side of Daly City: Skyline, Palisades, St. Francis, and Westlake.
What is a High Voltage Regulated Output (RO)?

- Installed in the late 1950’s, early 1960’s
- 15 ROs throughout Daly City
- Power supply owned and maintained by PG&E
Most Problem Prone RO Circuits

Most Frequently Failing ROs

Series Circuits with the Most Reported Outages

- Red: ROs with Most Reported Outages
- Orange: Other ROs

Regulated Output (RO) Number

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PG&E’s Equipment

- Kyle Switch
- RO Transformer
- Photo Cell
Daly City’s Equipment

- Lights
- Poles
- Neighborhood circuitry
How long has this been a problem?

- RO street light problems have existed for decades
- City conducted 1999 study
- Consultant recommended repair/conversion
- Estimated cost in 1999 was $2.8 - $4.5 million
- Estimated cost in 2015 is $6 - $10 million
Why can’t the City fully fund the replacement of the ROs?

San Mateo County Property Tax Collection
Why can’t the City fully fund the replacement of the ROs?

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<th>City</th>
<th>Population</th>
<th>Total Taxes per Capita</th>
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<td>Burlingame</td>
<td>29,660</td>
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<td>Redwood City</td>
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<td><strong>Daly City</strong></td>
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<td>Pacifica</td>
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### Capital Improvement Fund Sources

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<th>Primary Source of Funds</th>
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<td>Street resurfacing, trans.</td>
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<td>Street, traffic signal, median</td>
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<td>Water Fund</td>
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<td>Public Facilities Fund</td>
<td>New/expanded facilities</td>
<td>Developer fees</td>
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<td>Sanitation District</td>
<td>Sewer system, treatment plant</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
<td>Varies depends on requirements</td>
<td>Federal, state, county</td>
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<td>Public, Educ, Govt (PEG) Access Fees</td>
<td>Cable, broadcasting equipment</td>
<td>Cable provider fees</td>
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Three Options

• Status Quo
• City Financed
• Assessment District
Option 1: Status Quo

- Repair as ROs fail
- Highly dependent on PG&E response
Option 2: City Financed

- Each RO costs an estimated $500K to replace.
- “Pay-as-you-go” would take 20-30 years to replace four (4) most problematic ROs.
Option 3: Assessment District

- Permanent fix – lights replaced with new LED equipment
- Requires property owner support
What is an Assessment District?

An assessment district is a financing method advocated by property owners and used by public agencies to fund the construction and/or maintenance of public improvements that directly benefit the parcels located within the boundary of the district. Voter approval of property owners needed to establish a district.
How will an Assessment District impact taxes?

- Property taxes would increase for a specified period of time
  - Owners would know specific terms and conditions before voting
- Tax increase based on property size
  - A commercial property owner may pay more than a residential property owner
- Can anyone vote?
  - Only property owners (residential or commercial) can vote
How is an Assessment District formed?

- City would hire an engineer to determine cost per parcel
- Public hearing to discuss the proposed assessment district
- Property owners vote via a mail ballot
- 51% of the property owners must approve the assessment district before it is formed
What can I do as a Property Owner?

- Complete the survey
- Educate your neighbors
  - This meeting and other videos can be viewed online at www.dalycity.org/lights
- Visit us on social media
  - Facebook: Daly City Government
  - Twitter: @DalyCityGov
- Email us at
  - dalycitylights@gmail.com
What can I do as a Renter?

- You can help by asking your landlord to:
  - Watch this presentation online
  - Visit us online for more information at www.dalycity.org/lights
  - Contact us at dalycitylights@gmail.com and follow us on social media
  - Participate in our survey
Survey

- Available online via Survey Monkey
  - [www.surveymonkey.com/r/dalycitylights](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dalycitylights)
- Share with your neighbors
  - Everyone living in the impacted area is invited to participate
- Complete survey by **July 31, 2015**
Connect with the City

- Interested in the newest events around town?
  - Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/dalycitygov)
  - Follow us on Twitter (@dalycitygov)
  - Subscribe to e-newsletter at www.dalycity.org/dalywire

- Have a specific question? Email us at dalycitylights@gmail.com
Questions?
Next Steps

- Compile public input
- Prepare summary report for City Council
- Recommend potential future action