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Date:

November 1, 2022

To:

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:

Councilwoman Stacy Mungo Flanigan, Fifth District

Subject: Fund Transfer: Pedestrian Lighting Upgrade on Atlantic Blvd.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Increase appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$7,600, offset by the Fifth Council District One-Time District Priority Funds transferred from the Citywide Activities Department to provide funding for upgraded pedestrian lighting along Atlantic Blvd; and,

Decrease appropriations in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department by \$7,600 to offset a transfer to the Public Works Department.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Over the past several years, there has been an increase in thefts and vandalism along Atlantic Avenue, costing thousands of dollars in damage and loss. In a recent site visit with the Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association, staff and business owners indicated that the lights along the sidewalk are irregularly spaced and leave significant areas dark in front of businesses. They requested enhanced pedestrian lighting on existing poles to help secure property, assist with security camera visibility, deter future incidences, and improve pedestrian safety.

An additional benefit to upgraded bulbs is that the new lamps use 50% of the electricity of the previous bulbs. At 27 cents per KWH, and a yearly average of 12 hours of nighttime operation per day, the city can save approximately \$47 per year per upgraded bulb.

Supplemental funding is needed to address this critical safety need:

| Location   | Improvement  | Cost    |
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| Atlantic Ave. between<br>Bixby Rd. and San Antonio Dr. | Installation of upgraded pedestrian-<br>level lighting on existing streetlight<br>poles along Atlantic | \$7,600 |

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This matter has been reviewed by Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon on October 13, 2022.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

This recommendation requests that Public Works upgrade the pedestrian-level lighting along Atlantic Ave. between Bixby Rd. and San Antonio Dr., as written above. The total appropriation increase of \$7,600 in the General Fund Group in the Public Works Department will be offset by a decrease of appropriation of Fifth Council District One-Time District Priority Funds in the General Fund Group in the Citywide Activities Department. This recommendation is anticipated to require a minimal level of staff hours beyond normal budgeted scope of duties and is expected to have a minimal impact on existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this item.