

Bright Lights, Safe Nights

Questions and Answers

1. What is the annual cost for the operation of street lights paid by the City?

The City currently funds approximately \$5.08M per year for the operation of street lights.

2. How many street lights are located within the City limits?

There are approximately 30,000 street lights located within the City limits, which are owned and maintained by TECO.

3. How many street lights is the Bright Lights, Safe Nights program slated to install?

The five-year Strategic Bright Lights, Safe Nights program will add approximately 8,400 street lights in five years, which represents a 27% increase in the number of street lights.

4. What are the criteria for street light selection?

Priorities will be established targeting high crime grids, high crash rate roadways and potential economic enhancements primarily within the Economic Development Areas.

5. Will my street light request be considered if it is not within a high crime area or does not have a traffic crash problem?

All lighting requests will be considered.

6. What is the City's process to ensure existing street lights are operating properly?

Night-time monitoring for street light outages, low illumination and tree canopy blockage is an important part of the Bright Lights, Safe Nights street lighting program. The program's quality assurance management will provide improved lighting Citywide for all citizens.

7. What are the benefits of increasing the City's street lighting system?

There are numerous studies that indicate additional street lighting is a deterrent to crime as well as a means to reduce night time accidents.

8. Who do I contact to submit a new street light request?

Customers may visit the City of Tampa website at www.tampagov.net and submit a new street light request with the Customer Service Center or contact the Bright Lights, Safe Nights Customer Service Line at (813) 274-5800.