

**AN ORDER FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STREET LIGHTS IN AN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF HIDALGO COUNTY FOR THE MI SUENO SUBDIVISION**

**WHEREAS**, Mi Sueno subdivision residents live in an unincorporated area of Hidalgo County (County) and do not have adequate street lights; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of street lights along County roads located in Mi Sueno subdivision would benefit landowners and improve the safety, security, and wellbeing of residents living in Mi Sueno, which is characterized by poor infrastructure and higher incidents of crime; and

**WHEREAS**, under section 280.003 of the Texas Transportation Code, the commissioners court of a county that has any of its territory located within 150 miles of an international boundary may establish street lights along a county road located in a subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 6, 2015, the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court adopted and approved Rules & Guidelines for the implementation of a Street Lights Program in Hidalgo County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED** that the Hidalgo County Commissioner's Court does hereby order the establishment of street lights along the county roads located in the Mi Sueno subdivision. The establishment of street lights shall be in accordance with the Hidalgo County Unincorporated Subdivisions Street Lights Program Rules & Guidelines previously established by the Court.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Ramon Garcia  
RAMON GARCIA  
County Judge

A.C. Cuellar, Jr.  
A.C. CUELLAR, JR.  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Eddie Cantu  
EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Joe M. Flores  
JOE M. FLORES  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Joseph Palacios  
JOSEPH PALACIOS  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Arturo Guajardo, Jr.  
Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.



APPROVED BY  
COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
ON: 1/19/16

# Department of Budget and Management

## Program Status Update



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### PROJECT SUMMARY

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| REPORT DATE      | PROJECT NAME                    | PREPARED BY |
| January 19, 2016 | Subdivision Streetlight Program | Rey Salazar |

### PROJECT OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Hidalgo County Streetlight Program is the improvement of safety, security and quality of life for participating unincorporated subdivision communities in accordance with approved rules and guidelines and Texas Transportation Code 280.003.

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

| Date       | Task  | Status    |
|------------|---|-----------|
| 01/2015    | Pilot Streetlight Program initiated                   | Completed |
| 02/2015    | Program Plan developed                                | Completed |
| 03/2015    | Legislative language drafted and filed                | Completed |
| 03/2015    | Legislative streetlight bill filed                    | Completed |
| 04/2015    | Bill passed by the House                              | Completed |
| 05/2015    | Bill passed by the Senate                             | Completed |
| 06/2015    | All Pilot Subdivisions identified                     | Completed |
| 07/2015    | Pilot Subdivision Lot owners identified               | Completed |
| 08/2015    | Pilot Subdivision property tax delinquencies assessed | Completed |
| 09/2015    | Bill becomes law                                      | Completed |
| 09/2015    | Streetlight Program Rules and Guidelines drafted      | Completed |
| 10/2015    | Infrastructure Cost Estimates Identified              | Completed |
| 10/2015    | Subdivision Streetlight ESID's identified             | Completed |
| 10/2015    | MVEC and AEP Contacts received                        | Completed |
| 11/2015    | MVEC and AEP Contacts approved by Legal/CC            | Completed |
| 11/2015    | Streetlight Rules and Guidelines approved by Legal/CC | Completed |
| 11/2015    | Streetlight Accounts created by Auditors Office       | Completed |
| 11/2015    | Subdivision Streetlight Update conducted              | Completed |
| 12/2015    | Contracts approved/Infrastructure costs submitted     | Completed |
| 01/12/2016 | Streetlight Program Participation #'s assessed        | Completed |
| 01/15/2016 | Meeting w/LUPE regarding Participation rates          | Completed |

## PENDING PROJECT ACTIONS

| Date       | Task  | Status  |
|------------|---|---------|
| 01/19/2016 | Commissioners Court - Program Update                | Pending |
| 01/19/2016 | Subdivision Streetlight Orders approved by Legal/CC | Pending |
| 01/19/2016 | 75% participation rates confirmed                   | Pending |
| 02/01/2016 | Subdivision Streetlights assumed and turned on      | Pending |
| 02/01/2016 | 2015 Tax Statements modified and resubmitted        | Pending |
| 02/28/2016 | 2015 Subdivision Streetlight Fees Due               | Pending |

## ESTIMATED COSTS PER SUBDIVISION

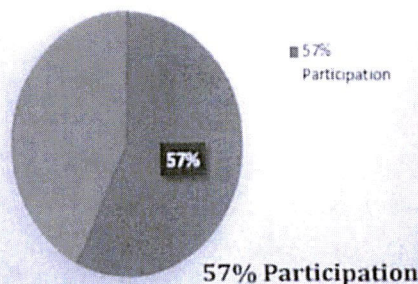
| Subdivision Name    | # of Lots | # of Streetlights | Monthly Cost per Street Light | Total Annual Streetlight Fee | Total Annual Fee per Lot Owner | Total Monthly Fee per Lot Owner |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lucero Del Norte    | 153       | 8                 | \$16.11                       | \$2,694.06                   | \$17.61                        | \$1.47                          |
| Goolie Meadows- I   | 161       | 19                | \$16.11                       | \$4,880.58                   | \$30.31                        | \$2.53                          |
| Goolie Meadows- II  |           |                   |                               |                              |                                |                                 |
| Eldora Heights- I   | 340       | 31                | \$14.89                       | \$8,089.08                   | \$23.79                        | \$1.98                          |
| Eldora Heights- II  |           |                   |                               |                              |                                |                                 |
| Eldora Heights- III |           |                   |                               |                              |                                |                                 |
| Mi Sueno            | 37        | 8                 | \$14.12                       | \$1,633.02                   | \$44.14                        | \$3.68                          |
| Eduardo's No. 8     | 56        | 17                | \$14.12                       | \$3,300.48                   | \$58.94                        | \$4.91                          |
| Pueblo De Palmas-10 | 110       | 16                | \$14.12                       | \$3,536.04                   | \$32.15                        | \$2.68                          |
| Pueblo De Palmas-11 | 104       | 17                | \$14.12                       | \$3,660.48                   | \$35.20                        | \$2.93                          |
|                     | 961       | 116               |                               | <b>\$27,793.74</b>           |                                |                                 |

## PROJECT ISSUES

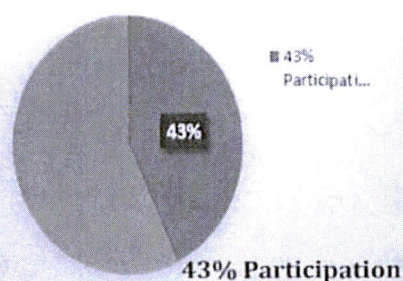
- Selected Pilot Subdivisions have not attained a 75% participation rate.

### Precinct #1

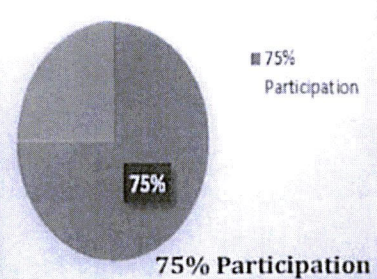
Goolie Meadows- Phase I



Goolie Meadows Ph. II



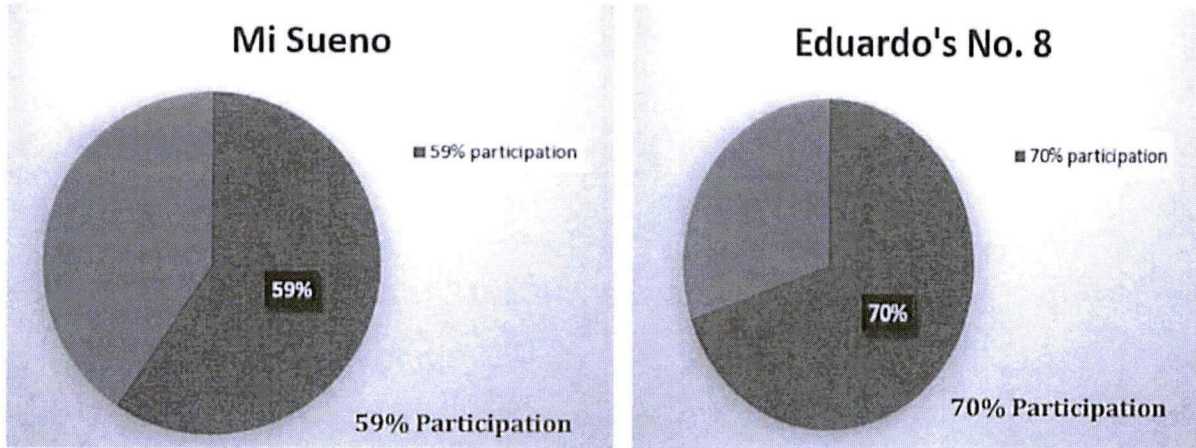
Lucero Del Norte



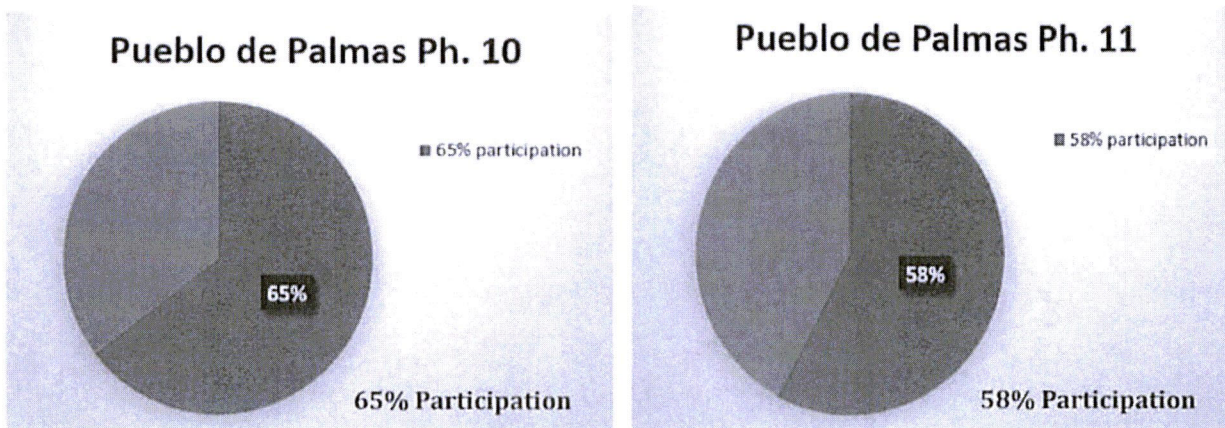
**Precinct #2**

- Pending review and analysis

**Precinct #3**



**Precinct #4**



**PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Approve the Streetlight Orders subject to 75% participation.
- Work in partnership with community advocacy groups to advance the participation rates.
- If pilot subdivision participation rates do not reach 75%, designate alternate subdivision or terminate program.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 2, EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - Unanimously

18. **Precinct #2 - Comm. Cantu:**

- A. AI-53008 Requesting approval of First Amendment to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hidalgo County and Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority previously approve by CC 3/5/14, to revise Exhibit A & B of the agreement.

*No action taken on this item.*

- B. AI-52927 Pct 2 Regional Linear Park Prj (1200):
  1. Approval of certification of revenue as certified by the County Auditor for revenue received from the City of San Juan and the City of Mcallen for Interlocal Agreement approved by Commissioners Court on 10/13/15.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 1, A.C. CUELLAR, JR., seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - Unanimously

- 2. Approval of 2015 appropriation of funds into Pct 2 Regional Linear Park Project in the amount of \$79,166.06.

On motion by COMMISSIONER PCT. 3, JOE M. FLORES, seconded by COMMISSIONER PCT. 4, JOSEPH PALACIOS, the Court made a UNANIMOUS vote of approval.

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - Unanimously

*Court proceeded to Item. 19.C.*

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**Budget & Management:**

- A. AI-53012 1. Status update on the implementation of the Hidalgo County Subdivision Streetlight Program

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orders

Precinct #1

- 2. Discussion, consideration and approval of **an order** authorizing the establishment of streetlights along county roads located in Goolie Meadows Phase #1 to commence upon receipt and validation of 75% participation from subdivision lot owners in accordance with subdivision

streetlight program rules and guidelines.

3. Discussion, consideration and approval of an order authorizing the establishment of streetlights along county roads located in Goolie Meadows Phase #2 to commence upon receipt and validation of 75% participation from subdivision lot owners in accordance with subdivision streetlight program rules and guidelines. 2

4. Discussion, consideration and approval of an order authorizing the establishment of streetlights along county roads located in Lucero del Norte to commence upon receipt and validation of 75% participation from subdivision lot owners in accordance with subdivision streetlight program rules and guidelines. 3

Precinct #2

5. Discussion, consideration and approval of an order authorizing the establishment of streetlights along county roads located in Eldora Heights Phase #1 to commence upon receipt and validation of 75% participation from subdivision lot owners in accordance with subdivision streetlight program rules and guidelines. 4

6. Discussion, consideration and approval of an order authorizing the establishment of streetlights along county roads located in Eldora Heights Phase #2 to commence upon receipt and validation of 75% participation from subdivision lot owners in accordance with subdivision streetlight program rules and guidelines. 5

7. Discussion, consideration and approval of an order authorizing the establishment of streetlights along county roads located in Eldora Heights Phase #3 to commence upon receipt and validation of 75% participation from subdivision lot owners in accordance to subdivision streetlight program rules and guidelines. 6

Precinct #3

8. Discussion, consideration and approval of an order authorizing the establishment of streetlights along county roads located in Mi Sueno to commence upon receipt and validation of 75% participation from subdivision lot owners in accordance to subdivision streetlight program rules and guidelines. 7

9. Discussion, consideration and approval of an order authorizing the establishment of streetlights along county roads located in Eduardos #8 to commence upon receipt and validation of 75% participation from subdivision lot owners in accordance to subdivision streetlight program rules and guidelines. 8

Precinct #4

10. Discussion, consideration and approval of an order authorizing the 9

9 establishment of streetlights along county roads located in Pueblo De Palmas #10 to commence upon receipt and validation of 75% participation from subdivision lot owners in accordance to subdivision streetlight program rules and guidelines.

10 11. Discussion, consideration and approval of an order authorizing the establishment of streetlights along county roads located in Pueblo De Palmas #11 to commence upon receipt and validation of 75% participation from subdivision lot owners in accordance to subdivision streetlight program rules and guidelines.

Ray Salazar, Budget Office updated the public in regards to the Public Lighting Program. He touched base on issues that have been taken care of and others that are still pending. The Pilot Street Light Program was initiated January 2015, ever since they have been able to build a better understanding of the necessity and have been able to identify delinquency ratios. At this time they are seeking to approve the order in to start assessing street lights to the participating colonias. The orders will be subject to the rules and guidelines that are approve by the court, including the 75% submission of the residents. The monthly cost will be around \$2.00 to \$5.00.

**The current numbers for subdivisions are:**

- Goolie Meadows Phase1 with 57%
- Gooplie Meadows Phase 2 with 43%
- Lucero Del Norte with 75%
- Precinct 2 is being reviewed.
- Mi Sueño in pct.3 with 59%
- Eduardo #8 with 70%
- Pueblo De Palmas #10 in pct. 4 with 65%
- Pueblo De Palmas #11 with 58%

Mr. Salazar mentioned that they have met with the community advocacy groups and discussed several solutions to bridge the gap in the participation numbers. He wishes to keep working with their partners to ensure they achieve the 75% aim. Therefore, he recommended to the court to approve the orders with the intention to have them ready by the time they complete the participation numbers. If the participation are not complete then the commissioners have the option to designate a different subdivision or decide to not move forward with this initiative.

Martha Sanchez, LUPE organization spoke on behalf of the participants commenting that they assumed the signatures were complete not knowing that some signatures were duplicated. Nevertheless, they will go back to households in order to collect the correct signatures.

Mr. Salazar remarked his conversation with Magic Valley, they assured to him they would not be billed for the lights that are being turned on. In case they do not reach the indented participation goal, the court can terminate the lights or designate another subdivision.