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State Energy Grant Will Help Pay for LED Streetlight Conversion

The Oregon Department of Energy has selected a local LED streetlight retrofit project for its Energy Incentive Program. The actual amount awarded will be based on the project's final costs and the actual energy savings achieved by the project. Staff estimates the City will receive more than \$400,000 through the Energy Incentive Program.



Worker changes out streetlight

The streetlight retrofit project is scheduled to start in November. It will change out about half of Eugene's 10,000 streetlights. The LED project will remove old high-pressure sodium fixtures and replace them with modern, efficient LED fixtures. The goals of the project are to save energy and reduce maintenance costs over the long term. The new fixtures use about a third of the energy used in the old fixtures. The LEDs are designed to last 20 years, versus five years for the old fixtures.

Staff has budgeted \$1.7 million from the City's road fund for the conversion project. The project will ultimately pay for itself in reduced energy costs and maintenance savings. Staff estimates the project will pay for itself in less than 10 years.

Christenson Electric, working under contract for the Public Works Department, will replace the light fixtures on local streets in residential neighborhoods. Most replacements only take a few minutes. The old fixtures will be recycled. The poles and arms will stay the same. The work is scheduled to be completed by March 2016.

Residents will notice that the new lights are whiter, but not brighter, than the old lights. The old lights give off a yellow or orange hue, while the new lights give off a light color that is similar to moonlight. This makes it easier to correctly identify the color of objects lit up by the LED lights, which enhances public safety.

For more information, contact retrofit project manager Patrick Cox at 541-682-5331.

Award-winning Author A.S. King at the Downtown Library

A.S. King, the award-winning author of extraordinary young adult novels, appreciated by all ages, will visit Eugene to give a free talk at the Downtown Library on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m. Her books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of the University of Oregon Duck Store.

King's latest novel, just published, is "I Crawl Through It." Her book "Glory O'Brien's History of the Future," won the 2015 Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award; "Ask the Passengers" won the 2012 L.A. Times Book Prize, and "Please Ignore Vera Dietz" was a 2011 Michael L. Printz Honor winner. King's novels "Reality Boy" and "Everybody Sees the Ants" are also critically

acclaimed and widely beloved. Her works appear on dozens of best book and top 10 lists, from the *New York Times* to *Publishers Weekly*, to professional organizations of booksellers, teachers, and librarians. She also writes short stories for teens and adults.



Frequently praised as “brilliant,” “funny,” and “boldly original,” A.S. King creates compelling characters and plots exploring a wide variety of profound themes including freedom; destiny; power and its abuses; inequality; loss; guilt; celebrity; and the complex relationships among past, present, and future.

According to the *New York Times Book Review*, “Maybe there are writers more adept than King at capturing the outrageous and outraged voice of teenagers, but it’s difficult to think of one.” *BookRiot* says, “Her books shouldn’t be shelved under ‘young adult,’ they should be shelved under ‘human.’”

For more information, contact the Eugene Public Library at 541-682-5450 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.