

LELD encounters problem with replacement streetlights, Working to resolve issue with manufacturer

Less than a year after the completion of its streetlight conversion project, the Littleton Electric Light Department (LELD) has experienced significant problems with the quality of the replacement fixtures, as many have cycled off, burned out or otherwise malfunctioned.

The system-wide program replaced mercury vapor fixtures with metal halide ones that function at lower wattages but still improve light quality and cost less to operate. Because of the number and frequency of the failures, the department is pursuing a long-term solution with the manufacturer to ensure proper performance, rather than just changing out the fixtures again and again.

Fixtures will continue to be replaced where necessary along roadways and at critical intersections for reasons of public safety. The department encourages customers to continue to report all problems with the fixtures, whether it is an issue of cycling off or burning out, according to general manager Savas Danos.

“We ask our customers to be patient as we find a permanent solution to the problem,” he said. “Simply replacing the fixtures does not make sense at this point, and we are working diligently with the manufacturer to address the quality issues.”