Subject: ROADWAY SAFETY LIGHTING WARRANTS

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Policy:

Highway safety lighting is warranted when one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

1. A minimum vehicular volume, an interruption of continuous traffic or minimum pedestrian volume traffic signal warrant is satisfied for any single hour during the hours of darkness. Traffic signal warrants, as used herein, shall mean the State of California Department of Transportation warrants for the installation of traffic signals, set forth in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.

2. There are three or more dusk or nighttime vehicle collisions in any recent consecutive 12-month period or five or more nighttime vehicle collisions in any recent consecutive 24-month period. This warrant shall be considered as being met when said vehicle collisions occur within an intersection or a segment of roadway.

3. Where a combination of sight distance, horizontal or vertical curvature of the roadway, channelization or other factors constitute a confusing or unsatisfactory nighttime condition that may be improved with roadway lighting. The engineering report recommending the lighting shall include an explanation of the factors justifying the need for new or improved roadway safety lighting.

4. Other less costly remedies shall be considered prior to the installation of safety lighting.

Review and analysis of these warrants shall be the responsibility of the Transportation Department, upon request.

Funding of installation, maintenance and operation of safety lighting on County maintained roadways shall be the responsibility of the Transportation Department.

References:
Minute Order dated 01/28/75
Minute Order 3.39 of 11/01/94
Minute Order 3.4 of 12/18/07