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EFFECTIVE DATE

This EB is effective immediately.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this EB is to clarify Department policy on providing highway lighting when the warrants for installing such lighting are not met but the locality requests that it be provided.

POLICY CLARIFICATION

The Department's policy and warrants governing the installation, operation and maintenance of Highway Lighting are contained in the Traffic Engineering and Highway Safety publication Policy on Highway Lighting issued December, 1979. This policy is incorporated in chapter 12 of the Highway Design Manual.

Even though the warrants contained in the Policy on Highway Lighting may not justify the installation of highway lighting in a certain location, the policy recognizes that lighting may often have other community benefits. Therefore, failure of a location to meet warrants does not necessarily prevent lighting. As long as the locality agrees to operate and maintain it, lighting may be provided as a highway amenity, such as special landscaping features or bikepaths, as long as it's not incompatible with highway safety. Lighting Policy Elements LPE-1 and LPE-3 in the Policy on Highway Lighting contain guidance on this issue.

CONTACT

Direct questions concerning this EB to the Traffic Operations Bureau of the Traffic Engineering and Highway Safety Division at 518-457-7436.