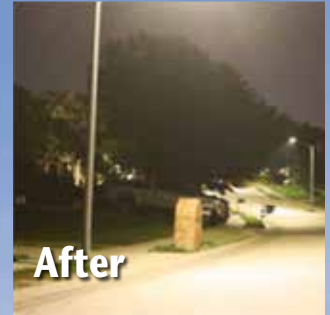


Streetlight project provides both safety and savings



Before



After

In April, OPPD accelerated its five-year LED streetlight replacement project.

The new look means brighter, longer-lasting fixtures as well as better efficiency and savings for the communities we serve.

Nearly 100,000 streetlights cover the roads and highways of the service area. OPPD owns the majority of these streetlights, and 298 streetlight customers – ranging from small towns to the Nebraska Department of Transportation – lease them.

Major roads first

OPPD and its contractors will replace more than 20,000 streetlights with

LED fixtures per year through 2023. Streetlights along all major roads should be complete the first two to three years of the program.

Municipalities that are OPPD streetlight customers have submitted priority lists of major roads in their cities and towns that crews should target for replacement. Some smaller towns, such as Rulo and Peru, already have had all streetlights switched to the new LED fixtures.

When fixtures along major roads are replaced, crews will infill with new fixtures where needed.

Safety and savings

By converting to LED fixtures, the municipalities that contract with OPPD will see a 25% reduction in streetlight costs. Here's why:

- LED streetlights last four times longer than high-pressure sodium fixtures.
- Customers see a 50% average reduction in energy usage, which translates to savings for taxpayers.
- Increased reliability means fewer streetlight outages.
- LED fixtures provide better visibility for motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and serves to deter crime.

Learn more about this project at oppdthewire.com.

JUNE BOARD MEETINGS

Committee: Tuesday, June 18 (see oppd.com/BoardMeeting for time), Energy Plaza, 444 S. 16th St., Omaha. **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, June 20, 4 p.m., same location. Hearing-impaired may call 402-636-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Meetings are livestreamed online at oppd.com.

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Provide affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services to our customers.



Safe at home

Summer is a time for working and playing outside. As you do so, remember to keep electric safety in mind. Here are some tips to keep you and your family safe at home.

- Keep all electrical devices and cords away from water.
- Install ground-fault circuit interrupters on all outdoor electrical outlets.
- For outdoor lighting and wiring, use only weatherproof fixtures.
- If you have a tree near a power line, do not let anyone climb the tree.

Never fly a kite near power lines. If a kite gets caught in a line, call OPPD Customer Service at 402-536-4131 (877-536-4131 outside of Omaha). Do not touch the line or the kite.

Look up when using ladders outdoors, keeping them away from power lines.

Look up when using long-handled tools like tree-trimmers and pool-skimmers.

Use power tools outdoors only in dry weather. Stand on dry surfaces and use only dry materials.

Before starting any digging project, call 811 to have underground utility cables located.

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In-lieu-of-tax-payments total \$33.9 million

OPPD distributed nearly \$33.9 million in 2018 in-lieu-of-tax payments to 11 southeast Nebraska counties earlier this spring. This compares with nearly \$32.9 million distributed last year.

"This is one way we, as a public power utility, can give back to our customer-owners and contribute to our communities," said OPPD President and CEO Tim Burke.

In-lieu-of-tax payments are based on 5% of OPPD's gross revenues from the previous year's retail electricity sales in incorporated cities and towns, and they take the place of property taxes. County treasurers distribute the funds to school districts, cities and other entities to fund needed services and improvements.

The payments (rounded to the nearest dollar) made to each county this year are as follows:

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