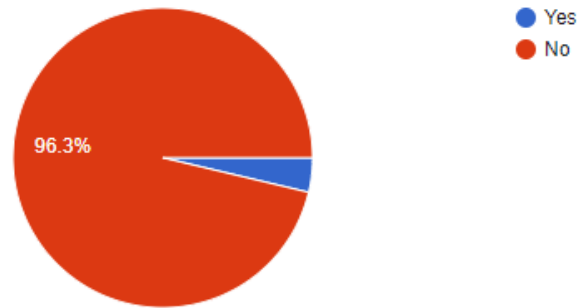


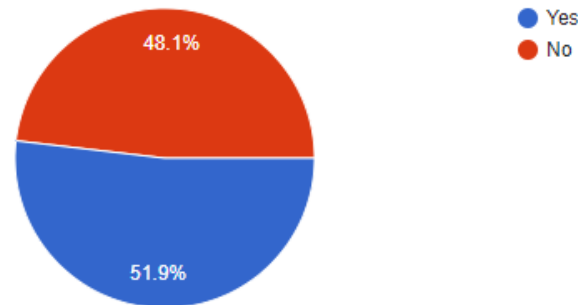
Did you attend the interested parties meeting held on Wednesday, Jan. 16 regarding the new downtown street lights?

27 responses



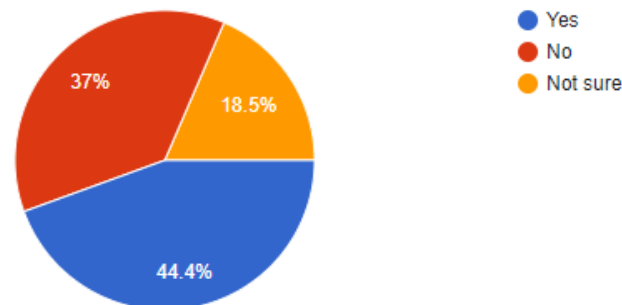
Technology allows the City to control the amount of light a street light puts out at any given time. Have you noticed the new street lights (located on East Broadway between Hitt Street and Waugh Street) being tested from Jan. 16 to Jan. 30 during the hours of 7:55 and 8:20 p.m.?

27 responses



Do you feel that installing more of these lights throughout downtown Columbia will help increase public safety in the evenings?

27 responses



No problem with the lighting.

I think controlling the intensity of the lights may have some value, but I'm not aware of any empirical data that it can enhance public safety related to aggressive drunken behavior. Regardless, attractive historically appropriate LED teardrop or bell shaped fixtures that permit intensity control are available. Much better design than the proposed freeway light design.

Are the lights shielded so that more of the light is aimed down toward the ground, rather than horizontally or up into the sky (which is essentially wasted and contributing to light pollution)?

I feel our downtown aesthetic is jeopardized by removing the attractive sconces and would hope there's a balance between mere function and community aesthetics.

Total waste of money. Just like the cameras that were installed. Remember how the last city manager and chief of police were bad ideas include these lights yet another waste of mine and a bad idea

If the intention is to make it as bright as daylight on the sidewalk: mission accomplished. I found the light closer to the ground to be uncomfortably bright. If the police need more light, perhaps they should have spotlights. Or, better yet, take the money you would spend on these lights and put more beat officers on the ground. I wonder how much bright lights will help to deter crime. Is there a study of AZ PD's success story? Thanks!

We spent a over a year with public meetings and member input developing a Council-approved Downtown Beautification Plan that included decorative street lights as part of a coherent look for all District amenities. It was a way to set downtown apart from the rest of Columbia. Why can't we have energy-saving, technologically sophisticated lights that also look attractive? We are too good a city to settle for the something that merely works rather than something that beautifies.

Need to focus on taking care of your citizens that have snow blocking their driveways and mail boxes due to the last big snow we had. I called the City and emailed them, no one would respond to my problem, today 1.23.19, my mailman got stuck trying to deliver my mail. I paid someone to scoop out my driveway on Sunday the day of the big snow, he did a fantastic job, then the city plows came down on Monday evening, and scooped the snow back into my driveway and put a big pile where my mailbox is. Please send someone over to 5501 Kelsey Dr and scoop out the rest of the snow so I can stopped tearing up my car trying to get in and out over the piles and clear up the area so my mailman will not get stuck. I know this is not the correct way to get my point across, maybe someone will read this and I will get the problem solved.

That is a lot of money being spent on lights. I do believe the people would rather it be spent on better housing, cleaner streets, and especially trees falling on the sidewalks and roads. If anything, I thought it may make it worse to have such bright lights. It may cause accidents, irritate people, and people are already feeling the effects of over police interference without true help or respect. \$4500 a light is just silly. I just called Bill Cantin from the city to report trees falling all over. There's a park across the street, a school right down the street, and I don't feel safe walking when a large tree is cracked and ready to fall. This would not be left if it were in a nice neighborhood. Yet someone made the comment that the city is busy. If it falls on a child and you have been informed how will you feel? Oh, and Bill was out and I left a message on his machine, so if you call him he may not know yet.

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Appropriate light levels are more important than brightness; in fact, excessive brightness can preclude safety and/or witness identification. I would favor more attractive downtown LED luminaires with appropriate levels of brightness and color.

Do the new lights help increase public safety, or just allow surveillance cameras to capture a better image of the shooters? I don't feel safe being downtown at night.

These lights seem like a positive addition to downtown.

The night sky is beautiful, so let's limit light pollution.

Please install more lights in the area currently under consideration.

I think more lighting in public areas make communities safer—even if I haven't noticed or seen them.

Move shop owners out of the parking spaces in front of their stores.

These are too bright. I think the new bright white LEDs are pretty abrasive. The intensity should be reduced, and we should try to have a warmer type of light (orange/amber) similar to the street lights we've known our entire lives.

We don't need the new lights throughout all of downtown, but only in the "hot spots" where people gather (at bar close, etc.). The lights themselves are ugly—both in that they are physically unattractive ("modern" flat panels) and the color of the light (blue-shade). Ornamental or more historic, decorative light structures found in other historic downtowns/business districts would be so much better. The "dimmable LEDs" should be able to be put in those fixtures, even in the current tear-drop style lights. At the very least, the sidewalk overhang lights should be more attractive, even if the 35' street lights are the ugly flat panels.