Office of Innovation SmartCOS Smart Streetlights

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Colorado Springs has more than 27,000 streetlights.

About 18% have been converted to LED.





Up to 70% Energy Savings

Streetlights are up to 25% of total muni energy bill



- Reduced O&M Costs
- O&M savings often exceed energy savings
- Enhanced Safety & Security Better illumination & control reduces crime and accidents



In many cities, streetlights are the most common entry point for smart city applications.

After a review and with approval, Colorado Springs Utilities currently allows municipal attachments to the streetlights including:

- Parking optimization equipment from the City's Parking Enterprise
- Traffic operations equipment from the Public Works Department
- Policing devices from the Colorado Springs Police Department
- Smart city equipment from Office of Innovation











Streetlights -

• To pilot solutions that offer enhanced control of streetlights

Weather Sensors To pilot solutions that offer more granular measurements of snow accumulations and other weather-related information



Benefits of Streetlight Controllers:

- Dimming allows for energy savings
- Improve response times to complaints
- Enhanced customer service
- Crime reduction
- Reduce installation of light shields
- Decrease traffic accidents
- Asset management
- Consistent lighting quality
- Supporting "Dark Sky" advocates





Benefits of Weather Sensors:

- Provide data to airport and military bases
- Possibility of improving snowplow routes
- Use hyper-local data to determine delays or closures



Streetlight Controller Pilot: Verizon





Streetlight Controller Pilot: Landis+Gyr



Dimming Schedules

Time	Schedule 1 (% of Max Driver Level)	Schedule 2 (% of Max Driver Level)
Sunset	100%	100%
11:00pm	100%	95%
11:30pm	100%	85%
12:00pm	95%	85%
1:00am	90%	85%
2:00am	100%	85%
2:30am	100%	95%
3:00am	100%	100%
Sunrise	0%	0%

1% energy savings from Schedule 13% energy savings from Schedule 2

Much more aggressive dimming schedules could be used to realize more energy savings.

Weather Sensor Pilot: Campbell Scientific

Issues Identified:

The streetlight controllers do not meet minimum specifications for surge protection.

a. The streetlight controllers plug into only 77% of existing streetlight fixtures.

a. The cost of the streetlight controllers is prohibitive for scaling the project.

a.To see benefits, changes to operations would need to be implemented.

a. The weather sensors would need to be relocated for more accurate data collection.

a. The City and Utilities should formalize data governance for the data collected.

Next Steps:

LED Conversion

- The City and Colorado Springs Utilities will research
- and implement methods to increase the rate of LED
- conversions.

Other Smart Streetlight Use Cases

- The City will research and implement other smart city
- devices that can be attached to streetlights, including
- air quality monitoring, pedestrian and bicycle counting,
- and public Wi-Fi.

Q & A Thank you

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