



**AGENDA
TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022
5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL ANNEX CHAMBERS**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. JOINT HARBOR CRA AND TOWN CENTER CRA WORKSHOP**
 - A) Utility Undergrounding Update- Easements and Lighting**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any person requiring a special accommodation at this hearing because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the City Clerk at (850) 837-4242 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, such person will need a record of the proceeding and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Sec. 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

CITY OF DESTIN – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: October 19, 2022

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Town Center Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM: Presentation

OUTLINE NUMBER: 3.A.

TO: Town Center Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee

THRU: Lance Johnson, City Manager
Louis Zunguze, Community Development Director
Krystal Strickland, Finance Director
Jeffrey Cozadd, Grants Manager
Kyle Bauman, City Attorney
Kimberly Kopp, Land Use Attorney

FROM: Ryan Scott, City Engineer

DATE: October 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Utility Undergrounding Update- Easements and Lighting

I. BACKGROUND: In 2021, the City contracted with Utility Consultants of Florida (UCoF), to start undergrounding the utilities within the City of Destin. Phase 1 of this undergrounding effort will be the US Highway 98/Harbor Boulevard corridor from the Marler Bridge to Airport Road. The Phase 1 project stages are **design, procurement, construction & restoration**. Currently, the project is in the **design** stage.

II. DISCUSSION:

Although the design utilizes the right of way and attempts to limit and mitigate off site impacts, it is not possible in all cases. The **design** stage is where private property easement areas are identified and acquired. The PowerPoint presentation will show what these impacts and easements will look like generally and provide options for making these impacts aesthetically pleasing.

Also, street lighting and pole design becomes a more important decision because street lighting will no longer be placed on overhead power poles. Provided will be some ideas for street lighting to provide a specific look for the City. Please note that Florida Power and Light (FP&L) has not provided approved street light poles at this time. Once they have provided what they allow, the options will be refined and presented to Council to choose a

specific light pole for US 98.

A. Link to Strategic Goals / Objectives:

#4 Enhanced quality of life and safety for families.

#6 Effective, efficient, and aesthetically pleasing infrastructure.

B. Effect on Budget (EOB): There is no effect on budget at this time.

C. Level of Service (LOS): The level of service will be enhanced through storm reliability and resiliency with an aesthetic value.

D. Legislative Sponsor:

III. CONCLUSION: Every effort will be made to keep utilities within the current rights-of-way. There will be instances where easements on private properties will be needed for the utility undergrounding to be completed. Street lighting and minimum standards for street lighting will become more critical to developing the Destin brand. This presentation is the beginning of an ongoing effort to inform the public of the project and also of the various upcoming stages of the project.

IV. RECOMMENDED MOTION: This presentation is for information and comment only. There is no recommended motion at this time.

Attachments:

1. UTILITY UNDERGROUND
CONVERSION PROJECT

UTILITY UNDERGROUND CONVERSION PROJECT

CITY OF DESTIN

PRESENTATED BY
UTILITY CONSULTANTS OF
FLORIDA



TABLE OF CONTENTS

01

ABOUT THE PROJECT



02

BENEFITS



03

PROJECT STAGES



04

EASEMENTS



05

SNEAK PEEK





What is Undergrounding

The the replacement of overhead cabling providing electrical power, voice and data communications with underground cables.

Following the migration of all above ground cables, utility pole removal occurs.

Why Underground

Florida has very active hurricane & seasonal storm weather patterns. Following these storms, widespread outages of electric service are experienced.

Outage durations range and can be extended periods of *up to two weeks or more.*

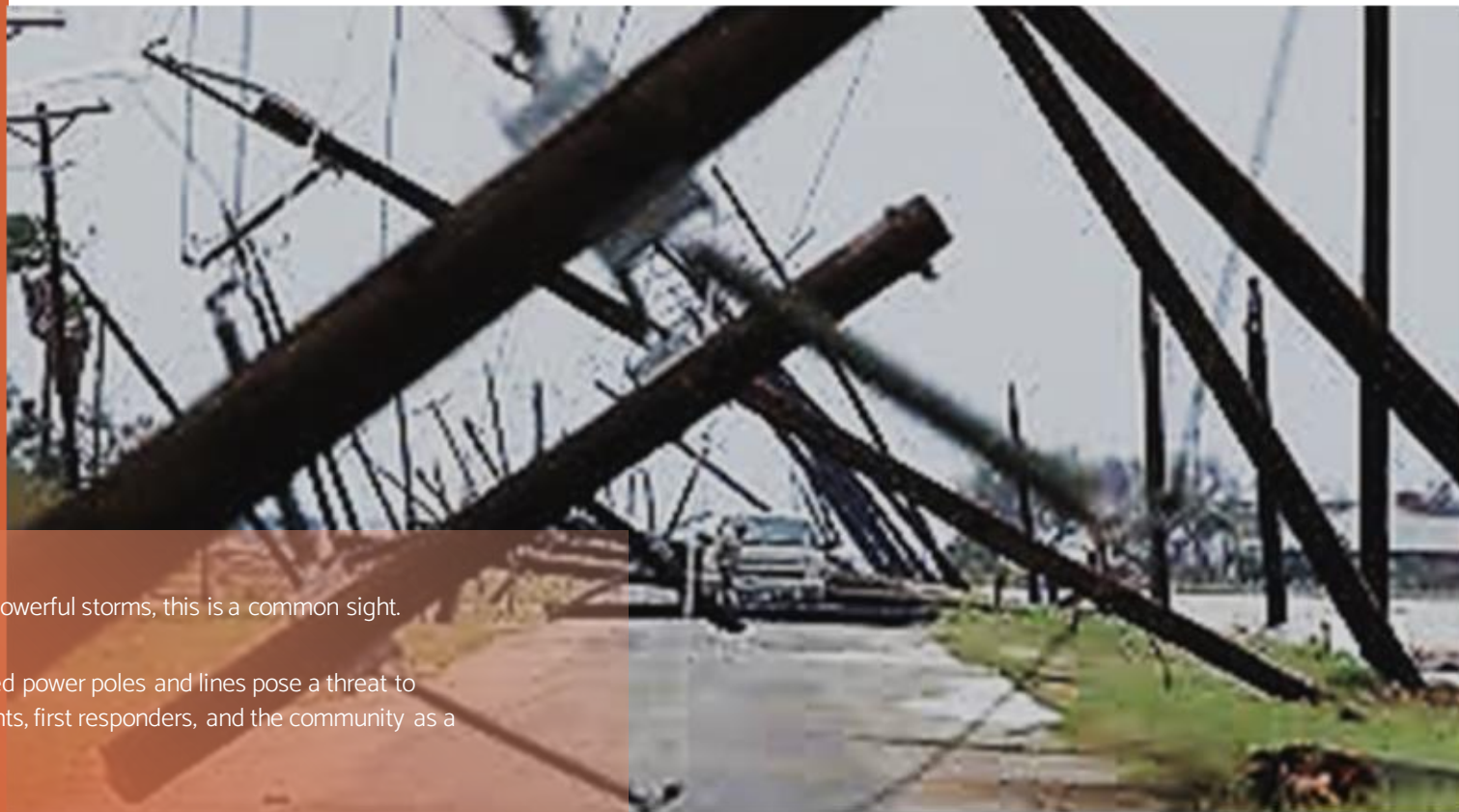
Undergrounding reduces the frequency of these outages.



WHY

After powerful storms, this is a common sight.

Downed power poles and lines pose a threat to residents, first responders, and the community as a whole.





Benefits

SAFETY
RELIABILITY
RESILIENCY
AESTHETICS

BENEFITS



SAFETY

Underground systems are less accessible to the public



RELIABILITY

Underground systems are less susceptible to damage from weather events



RESILIENCY

Increased reliability is connected to resiliency, as energy providers experience lower costs of operation & maintenance with underground systems



AESTHETICS

The elimination of overhead utilities allows for greater architectural and landscape design flexibility, and creates more value to existing property owners



Project Stages

UTILITY COORDINATION:

DESIGN

PROCUREMENT

CONSTRUCTION

RESTORATION

PROJECT STAGES



Stage 1

Design & Review
Stage where easement acquisition will occur.



Stage 2

Construction Bidding and
Contract Award



Stage 3

Construction has begun!

Stage 4

Restoration, Landscaping

Appr Total Time
Phase I : 3 years





Easements

What could be asked of you
&
How can you help



EASEMENTS



Formal Legal Document

Written permission to enter onto property owned by another – to install, maintain, repair and replace electrical equipment.
Document is recorded in County Public Records.

Standard Size- 10'x10'

In few cases, the easement area may be wider depending on equipment necessary to install.
In all cases, the actual equipment size does not encumber the entire area of the easement.

Why Easements?

Some equipment cannot be placed in the Public ROW.
You will still retain ownership of the property.
You will need to maintain the easement area.

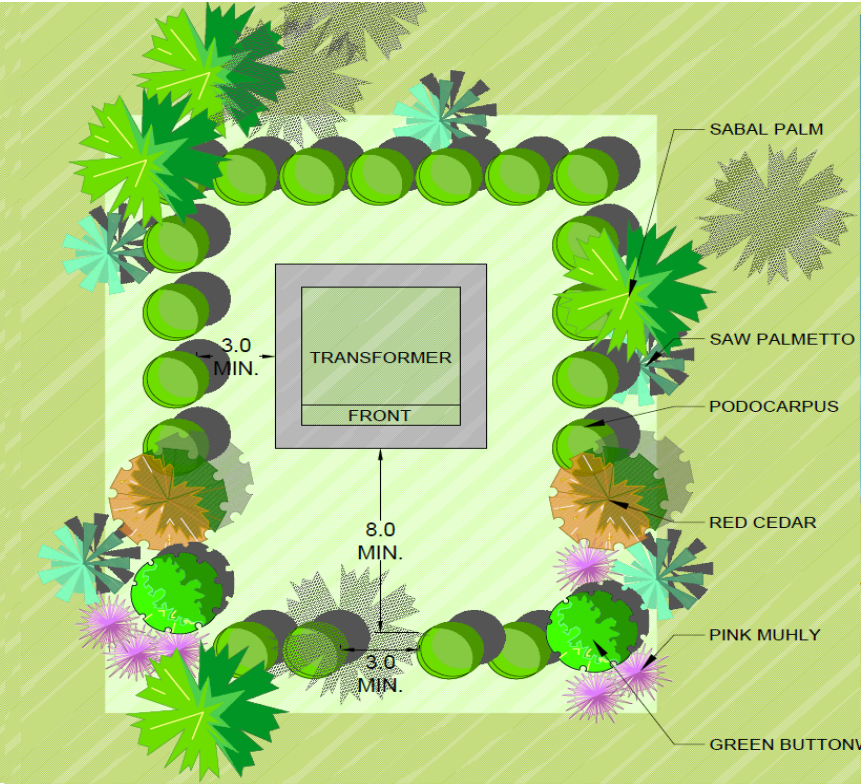
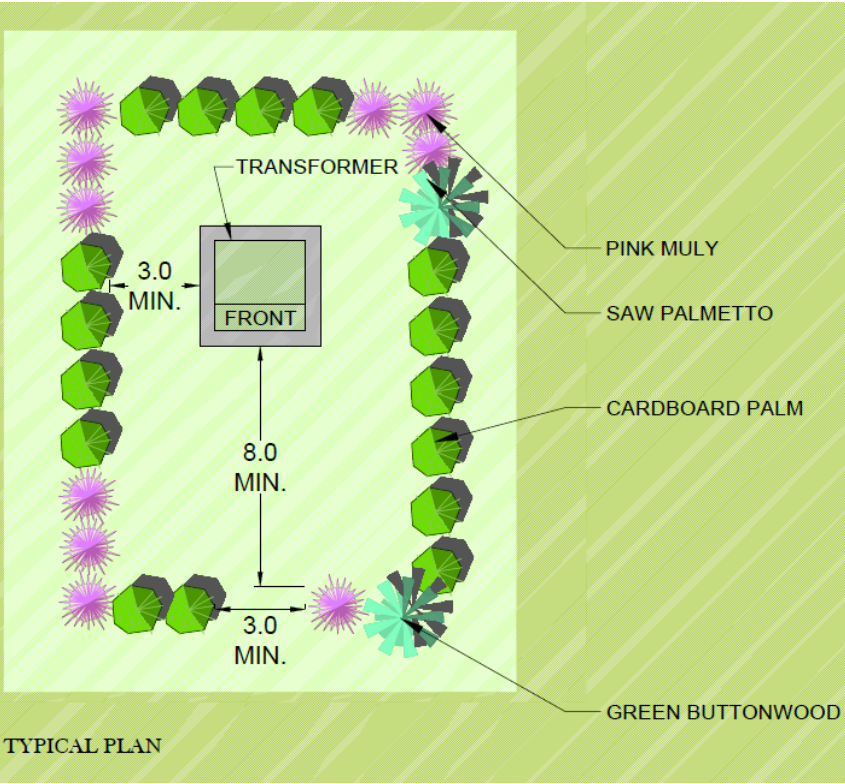
Transformers





Switches

Options





Transformers



Switches



Other



Options

Easement Examples



Easement Examples



Easement Examples



Easement Examples



SNEAK PEEK



SNEAK PEEK



SNEAK PEEK



SNEAK PEEK

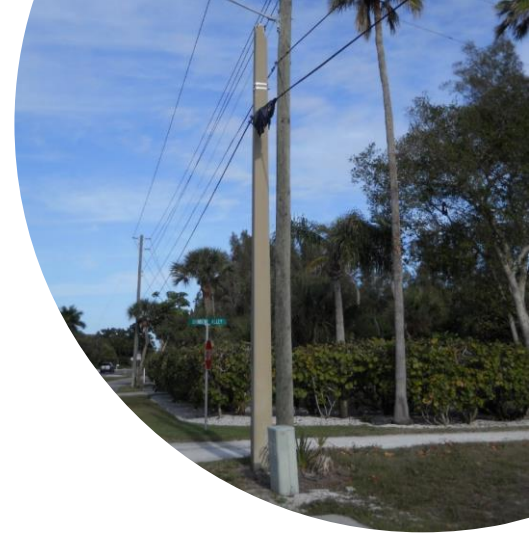


SNEAK PEEK



SNEAK PEEK



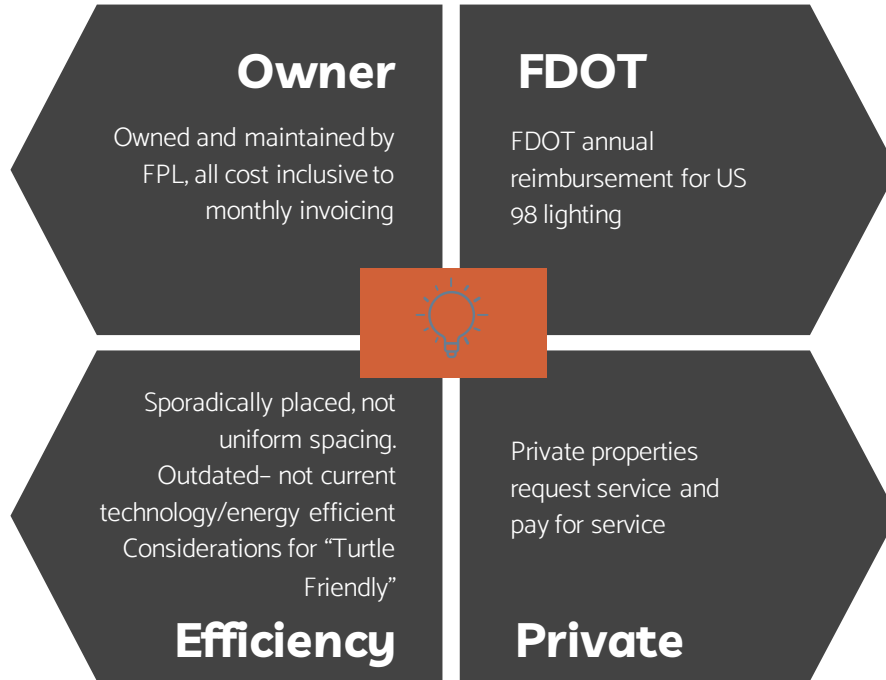


STREET LIGHTING FIXTURE TYPES



STREET LIGHTS

CURRENT STREET LIGHTING



LIGHTING GOALS

GOAL 1- Aesthetics

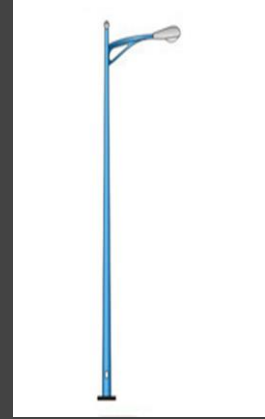
- Improve Aesthetics – Modern or Decorative Style
- Uniform Style and Spacing, lighting and communications



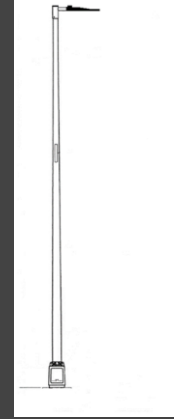
GOAL 2- Functional

- Fixtures with Long Life, Low Maintenance, Energy Efficient LED
- Sustainable, Reliable Poles
- Turtle Friendly

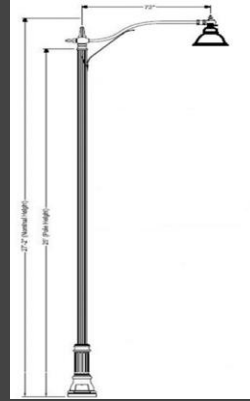




STREET LIGHTING FIXTURE TYPES



STREET LIGHTING FIXTURE TYPES



STREET LIGHTING FIXTURE TYPES



STREET LIGHTING FIXTURE TYPES



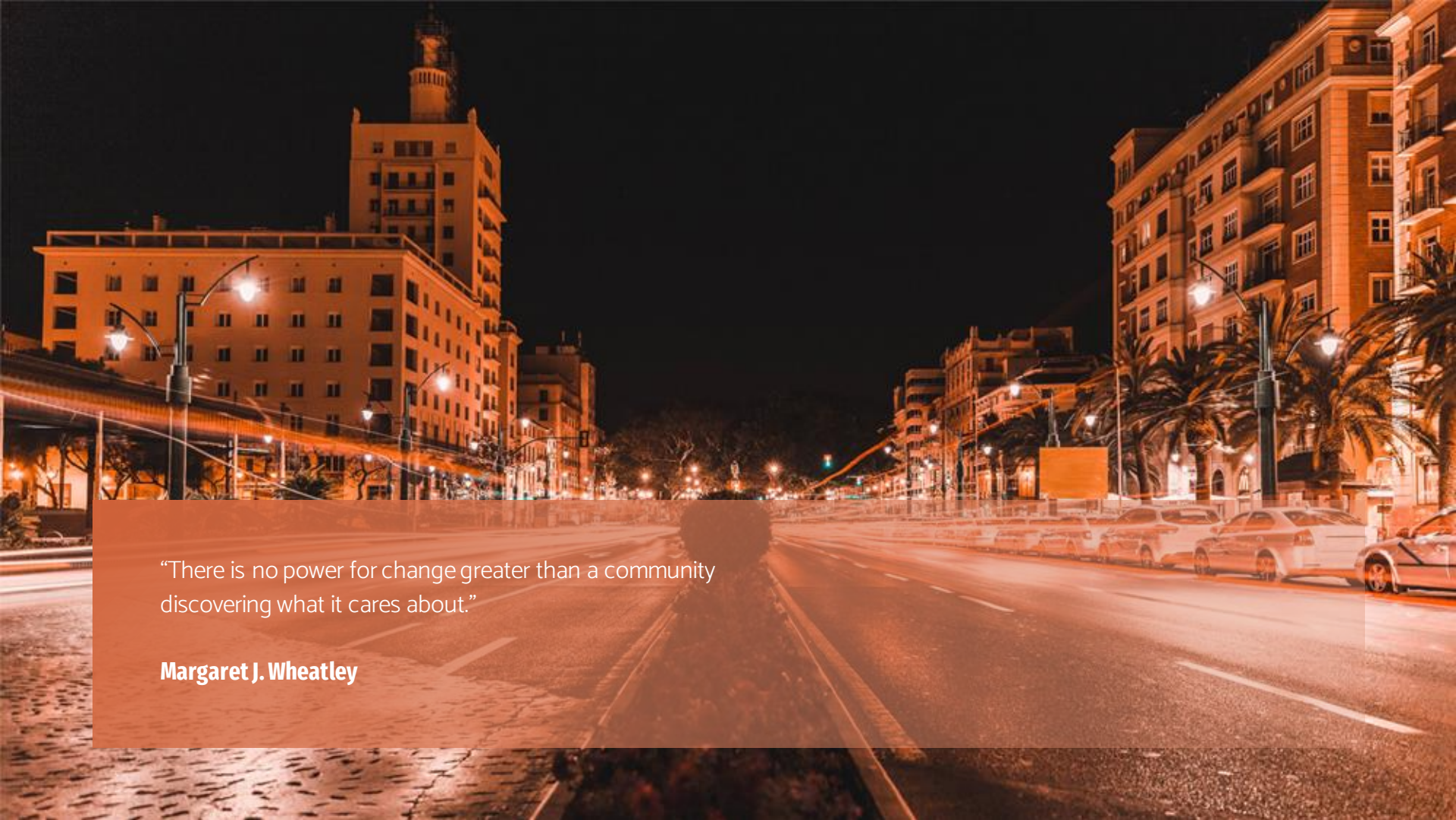
STREET LIGHTING FIXTURE TYPES



HOW TO HELP



Current easement areas are not known –
estimating preliminary design in Mid November.
UCoF will be in contact with property owners
seeking easement consent at that time. Please
ensure you've signed into this meeting and
provided the best form of contact info.



“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”

Margaret J. Wheatley

THANK YOU ALL

Does anyone have any questions?
Follow the project updates!

Utility Consultants of Florida
Stephanie Lindsay, Project Manager
Mark Porter, Principal
Leanne Haely, Easement Specialist/Project
Manager



CREDITS

This is where you give credit to the ones who are part of this project.

- Presentation template by [Slidesgo](#)
- Icons by [Flaticon](#)
- Infographics by [Freepik](#)
- Images created by [Freepik](#)