

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****City of Yucaipa Awards Contract for Citywide Traffic Signal Safety Upgrades**

Yucaipa, CA — May 13, 2026 — The Yucaipa City Council approved a construction contract for a citywide traffic signal safety upgrade project, aimed at improving visibility of traffic signals to enhance roadway safety at signalized intersections.

The Project is funded by federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant funding, and the Project will upgrade the City's traffic signals with reflective yellow borders around traffic signal heads. These enhancements will improve the visibility of traffic signals for motorists, especially at night and in low-light conditions, during inclement weather, and during power outages. The federal safety grant funding awarded to the City to complete the improvements aims to reduce the risk of traffic collisions and also enhances pedestrian safety.

Select Electric, Inc. of Anaheim, California, was awarded the \$128,230 contract. This project marks another significant step in the City's ongoing commitment to public safety and infrastructure improvements. These safety upgrades were identified as a priority in the City's Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP), which was developed in collaboration with community stakeholders such as Yucaipa residents, the Yucaipa Police Department, Yucaipa Fire Department, local schools and public transit providers. The LRSP identifies targeted improvements to improve safety and reduce the risk of traffic-related injuries and fatalities.

In recent years, Yucaipa has experienced more frequent planned and unexpected power outages due to wildfire prevention efforts, particularly during extreme wind and weather events. Although many traffic signals are equipped with battery backup systems, these systems only provide temporary power for a limited time. The addition of reflective yellow borders will enhance intersection visibility, even when signals are not operational.

Installation is expected to begin in late May and should take approximately 1 month to complete. Temporary lane closures at signalized intersections and detours are anticipated. Motorists are encouraged to use caution and reduce speeds in work areas.

For more information about the City's Capital Improvement Program and roadway safety initiatives, contact the City of Yucaipa Development Services Department.

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