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Street Light Improvements

Lima will receive \$350,000 in lighting improvements under Mayor Smith's Better Together Plan. During the plan's creation, community representatives gave voice to their priorities for the funding, with safe and livable neighborhoods identified as the top ranked priority.

Street lighting is a key concern, given the long-standing correlation between light and crime. Improved street lighting is a proven way to reduce robberies, burglaries, property defacement, property damage, and other crimes that often happen in the dark.

During the first round of installations, the City will be targeting 10 locations for the installation of 14 new cobra-style lights (27 ft. tall with LED fixture) and two decorative street lights (12 ft. pole with LED fixture). Anticipated installation will occur in October and November of this year.

"We are putting public safety first," Mayor Smith said. "These lighting upgrades are a major investment in public safety, economic development, and basic infrastructure that can help make our Lima community safer, while also creating the conditions necessary for our residents and businesses to thrive."

"I greatly appreciate the City Council's support for backing the initiatives laid out in our Better Together Plan," Mayor Smith added. "We must continue to be innovative and think outside the box to bring solutions to help build safer neighborhoods across the city. Exciting things are happening in Lima, and these lighting improvements will add to that momentum."

Locations for the new lighting installations include:

- 751 E. 4th St. by Lima Apartments
- 460 S. Shawnee St. to improve safety at the railroad underpass/ bypass
- 602 W. Robb Ave. to address location of recent pedestrian crash site
- 700 Harrison Ave. at convenience store
- 801 E. 4th St. to address location of pedestrian crash site and crime
- 1140 S. Union St. to address crime
- 113 S. Metcalf St. to address crime
- 700 S. Broadway St. to address crime and improve safety at school crossing
- 199 W. Vine St. to address crime
- 101 W. Robb Ave. location of pedestrian crash site and crime