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To the Mayor and Council:

I'm looking over the council agenda for Tuesday October 22, and I am glad to see consent Item 3F, replacing the street lights on Great America Parkway. If these are the lights I think they are, they are the old, brown, boxy posts with sodium vapor lamps that give everything a sickly yellow color.

The old lights are not just unsightly and dated. They also seem to be less reliable than modern LED street lights. A few years back, I took a tour of the area after dark and reported several dozen of them that I found were not lit. Even when they are lighting, I have a hard time believing that they're as good as modern options, either for traffic safety or for personal safety.

I hope pedestrian comfort and safety will be taken into account whenever we replace street lights. Comfort, in the sense of not crowding sidewalks with posts mid-way across; and safety, by paying particular attention to good lighting at crosswalks.

I don't see anything indicating the extent of the project in the agenda attachment, so I'll simply say that I hope this effort will extend to the rest of the old style lights in that area, whether now or in the future.

Many thanks,

Betsy Megas

Member of BPAC, speaking for myself. I commute through this area mainly by bicycle and on foot.