

**2015
STREET LIGHT UPGRADE PROJECT**

**CITY of HAMTRAMCK
COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE**

STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS ARE UNDERWAY IN OUR COMMUNITY

DTE Energy is upgrading older street lights in our city to improve the reliability and energy-efficiency of street lighting.

The street lighting work will take place in our city beginning in February and continues through early April.

Only street lights--NOT electric service to homes and businesses--will be affected.

To complete the project safely, DTE will shut off power to impacted street lighting circuits for 30- 40 days.

As each circuit is upgraded, street lights will be restored as quickly as possible to lessen the impact on the community.

Signs will be posted on street lights that are being upgraded, and road signs will be placed in neighborhoods where the work is being performed. Affected poles will be identified with yellow pole-wraps.

Residents and businesses in the construction zones will be notified by door hangers left at the premises. Work will be performed by DTE Energy crews and contractors with DTE Energy signage on vehicles. They will NOT need to gain access to homes or businesses during construction. However, there might be some minor disruptions to front yard or utility easement to locate underground utility lines , but rest assure that we will do our best to restore the area of disruptions after the work is completed.

Please call 800-548-4655 if you have any question or concern. For construction locations and statuses, go to www.dteenergy.com/lights

Street Light Replacement Project Talking Points

Highlights:

- DTE is upgrading the most problematic streetlight circuits in your community.
- We are working with local officials to minimize disruptions to your streetlight service.
- DTE Energy is replacing pre-1970s technology and modernizing aging infrastructure.
- Since 2008, DTE has invested more than \$10 million in this work.
- In 2015, DTE will invest an additional \$3.4 million in upgrading more than 30 circuits in communities such as Hamtramck, Lincoln Park, Dearborn, Port Huron, Warren, Sterling Heights, Westland, Riverview, Southgate, East Pointe, Taylor, Village of New Haven and Garden City.
- Benefits:
 - Increased Reliability
 - Reduced number and duration of outages
 - Enhances safety
 - Increased energy efficiency
 - Less air pollution
 - Lower cost
- Electric service in homes and businesses will not be affected during construction.

What's being done:

- Upgrading circuits to reduce outage frequency and minimize the possibility of multiple-light outages
- Replacing:
 - Lamps & covers
 - Fixture wire
 - All cable and Poles as needed

What you can expect:

- Scheduled work will occur at different times and in different areas of your community throughout the spring and summer months.
- To complete the project safely, multiple lights will be disconnected temporarily (30 – 40 days) while work is in progress.
- Severe weather in southeast Michigan may impact crew availability and cause delays.
- We will restore lights as quickly as possible to lessen disruptions. Once a light is restored it will have a 24 hour burn time and then return to normal hours of operation.
- Affected poles will be identified with yellow pole-wraps.
- Work will be performed by DTE Energy crews and contractors with DTE Energy signage on vehicles. Workers will NOT need to enter your home or business at any time during construction.
- Door hangers will be left at homes and businesses in the immediate vicinity of work locations.

What we need from you:

- Please DO NOT report outages for street lights bearing yellow wraps.
- We apologize for any inconvenience, and thank you for your patience.
- Visit www.dteenergy.com/lights to check the status of work in your area.
- Other questions: call Community Lighting, 800-548-4655.

Work Locations:

The project work will begin in February and involve these streets around Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church:

- On Commor between Mc Dougall St and Charest St
- On Mc Dougall St between Commor and Casmere
- On Charest St between Commor and Casmere

The upgrades – 8 lights -- will ensure that when there is a problem with one street light, other lights on the circuit will continue to operate.

As work on each circuit is completed, street lights will be restored as quickly as possible to lessen the impact on the community.

Door hangers will be left at homes and businesses in the immediate vicinity of work locations three to seven days prior to the start of constructions.

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Street Lighting Upgrades

DTE will begin to upgrade street lights in your neighborhood in the next several days. We are working closely with your local officials to minimize disruptions during this major project.

Our goal is to provide street lighting service that not only is reliable, but is attractive and enhances safety in your community.

In some cases, the work will be performed by contractors. The signage on their vehicles will identify these professionals as contractors for DTE Energy.

The electric service to your home or business will not be affected.

Description of the work to be performed:

- We are updating the street lighting system to reduce outages and improve reliability. We also will be installing energy-efficient fixtures, which will reduce energy costs and decrease negative environmental impacts. Multiple lights may be shut off temporarily while work is in progress. The poles to these lamps will be marked with yellow wraps. Please do not report outages for street lights with yellow wraps.
- Other: _____

Once de-energized, lights will be out for thirty-to-forty days while work is performed.

We appreciate your patience while our crews work to improve your street lighting service. We apologize for any inconvenience. If you have questions, please call us at 800.548.4655 or visit us at dteenergy.com/lights.

DTE Energy Community Lighting

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Affected poles will be identified with yellow pole wraps. Please DO NOT report outages for street lights bearing yellow pole wraps like the one to the right



Go to dteenergy.com/lights for project status updates or call 800-548-4655 if you have any other questions about these street lights.

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