



November 14, 2013

Mr. Tom McCloskey
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Missouri Department of Transportation
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I do hereby certify that in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(2), this patented or proprietary item is essential for synchronization with existing highway facilities.

State Design Engineer

**RE: Public Interest Finding – Street Lights and Tree Grates
Business 21 Phase 2 Improvements, STP-5403(649)
Hillsboro, Missouri**

Mr. McCloskey:

With reference to the above-mentioned project, we are requesting approval of a finding in the public interest to use the following items:

1. Decorative Light Luminaire: Whatley – Decorative Post-Top Luminaire # 1004-150-HPS-B-240(MT)-BLK-LVR1-F with the “Breckenridge” fitter and Whatley Luminaire Twin Arm #NP28-BLK .
2. Decorative Light Pole: Whatley – Decorative Pole #XF55-D3L-20-AB-BLK-30-140 with Whatley Banner arm #BAS24-BLK.
3. Recycled Plastic Tree Grates: Structural Plastics Corporation – Poly-Grate II, TSB44 – 4 foot square.

These items were designed with proprietary components in order to insure compatibility with existing City infrastructure. This project is an extension of a previous project that used these lights and tree grates and is along the same corridor. It is also in the City’s plan to use this light and tree grate on future projects adjacent to Business 21.

Past field performance has demonstrated that these products are reliable and work well with other system components. They will not differ from the existing City street lighting inventories, thus simplifying supply chain issues, nor will they require additional training of personnel.

Approval of this request would be appreciated so these items may remain eligible for federal reimbursement.

Sincerely,

Mike D. Spalding
Senior Project Manager