

City of Palouse / Avista Utilities LED Street Lighting Pilot Program

Recent studies by the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) were conducted to determine the feasibility and economic benefits of converting existing street and area lighting systems to new low energy LED (light emitting diode) lighting systems. TIB funds will support an LED Pilot Program with selected communities within the state of Washington.

The studies focused on:

- Evaluation of potential demonstration sites **(including the City of Palouse)**
- Research and evaluation of regulatory requirements and tariffs
- Opportunities and barriers to LED deployment
- Performance of LED street and area lighting technology
- Deployment in selected communities

The six Washington communities selected by TIB and funded for the Pilot Study are:

- Benton City
- Blaine
- Buckley
- Coulee Dam
- **Palouse**
- Ridgefield

As a community participant in the Study, the City of Palouse will work with Avista Utilities in converting existing street and area lighting to the LED technology. With funding provided by TIB, this work will include replacing city-owned lighting along Main Street, as well as Avista-owned street and area lighting throughout the City. Work will begin in late October 2013 and continue through early 2014.