

# *OLD NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY*

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## **HISTORIC STREETLIGHTS ARE INSTALLED ON NORTH TEJON STREET**



**SOMETHING'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN:** The first sign that things were going to change came when these “No Parking” signs appeared in the 1700 block of North Tejon Street in May of 2007.

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**IT'S “BYE-BYE” TO THE MODERN POLE:** The old aluminum streetlight pole, 30-feet high, was taken down and placed on the truck trailer to be hauled away. It will be recycled to a new location, probably on a major street where the pole’s extra height and modernity will be appropriate.

Members of the North Tejon Streetlight Improvement District were given a monetary credit for the value of the old streetlight poles, which lowered the cost to the property owners of purchasing and installing the historic street lights.

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**PREPARING TO HOOK UP THE WIRES:** With the old aluminum pole removed and safely stored on the truck trailer, the two-person crew from Colorado Springs City Utilities made the necessary adjustments to the wiring. Note the helmeted globe of the new historic streetlight visible between the two workers.

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**GOING UP:** With one worker on the ground and the other worker riding the bucket on the Versalift, a small crane attached to the bucket on the Versalift was used to start hauling the historic streetlight up into a vertical position. The Versalift is sometimes called a “cherry picker.”

The historic streetlights were installed at the rate of one block per week going from south to north up Tejon Street. This was the 22<sup>nd</sup> of 40 lights.

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**ALMOST THERE:** As the new historic streetlight became progressively airborne, the worker on the ground began to move the bottom of the streetlight pole into position over the electrified base of the light.

Each new historic streetlight cost \$2000. The total cost for 40 lights was slightly over \$80,000. Each property owner on Tejon street paid \$500 as their share of the cost of the new lights.

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**HOORAY!!!** The historic streetlight is successfully in place.

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**BOLT IT DOWN:** The worker on the ground used a socket wrench to quickly bolt the new historic streetlight firmly into place on the old streetlight base.

At 14-feet high, the new historic streetlight is 16-feet shorter than the modern-looking 30-foot high streetlight it replaced. On a street with many trees such as North Tejon Street, the shorter historic streetlight will be down out of the tree canopy and thereby cast more light on the street and sidewalk, which is where the people and the children and the pets are.

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**READY TO GO:** The worker riding the bucket on the Versalift took one last look to make certain everything was in good order with the new historic streetlight. He was satisfied all was well, so he detached the cable from the crane on the Versalift and left the light standing on its own.

The light looks historic, but modern lenses inside the globe project the light downward to the street and sidewalk, thereby reducing light pollution in the sky.



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**A JOB WELL DONE:** The trusty work crew from Colorado Springs City Utilities admired their work. They had 18 more historic streetlights to install before the project was completed.

**THE END**