



## Boulder City Looks to Darker Skies



Boulder City has received a \$1.9 million U.S. Economic Development Authority grant to retrofit every municipal light with energy-efficient, light-pollution reducing fixtures. In addition to providing energy cost savings for the City, the new dimmable, eco-friendly light fixtures will help protect natural ecosystems and native wildlife from critical light pollution impacts, and advance sustainable dark sky recreation and tourism opportunities for families

and visitors. The project is for City-owned lights, but residents and businesses are encouraged to participate.

The lighting retrofit project will commence in 2023 and is an important step in the City's efforts to achieve Dark Skies Community Certification. If the International Dark Skies Association (IDA) approves designation, Boulder City would become one of Nevada's first designated communities.

"This investment in Boulder City's lighting infrastructure is a great step towards our goals of preserving the dark skies of our community and the Lake Mead National Recreation Area for their natural and cultural value," said City Manager Taylour Tedder. "My hope is that this project will help us move toward a goal of becoming a certified dark sky community, and preserve our community's quality of life. We appreciate the support of Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, Senator Jacky Rosen and the State of Nevada on this project."

How do you feel about Dark Skies? Visit [www.bcnv.org/darkskies](http://www.bcnv.org/darkskies) to watch a short video, learn more about the initiative and take a survey on the project.

Survey closes November 30, 2022.

### Protecting the night sky starts with YOU!

<p><b>1</b> Light only what you need</p> 	<p><b>2</b> Use energy efficient bulbs and only as bright as you need</p> 	<p><b>3</b> Shield lights and direct them down</p> 
<p><b>4</b> Only use light when you need it</p> 	<p><b>5</b> Choose warm white light bulbs</p> 	<p><b>6</b> Join IDA! We need your help to continue the fight against light pollution</p> 

# Play it Safe around High-Voltage Transformer Boxes

In many Boulder City neighborhoods, you will find pad-mounted transformers in front of homes and businesses. In recent years, vandals have broken into transformer boxes causing power outages. These high-voltage transformer boxes may sit on your property, but they belong to the City of Boulder City. Please exercise caution around these boxes.

- Keep children away from pad-mounted transformers. Do not let them sit or play on the boxes.
- Never try to open the boxes. Never fasten anything to them and never stick anything inside them.
- Never decorate, paint, or cover transformer boxes. Tampering with the box could damage or hide the lock, cover important warning signs, damage the housing or even the equipment inside the box.
- Transformers should always be locked. If you see a transformer that is unlocked or in need of repair, contact Boulder City immediately at 702.293.9266 or on the SeeClickFix app.
- Allow at least five feet of clearance on each side so crews can access equipment quickly in case of an outage.
- Never dig or plant items around transformers without calling 811 or visiting [www.usanorth811.org](http://www.usanorth811.org) at least two full business days before a project. Staff will mark any underground equipment free of charge.

## SAFE:



## NOT SAFE:

