

**TOWN OF FAIRFAX  
STAFF REPORT**

**Date:** October 3, 2012  
**To:** Mayor and Members of the Town Council  
**From:** Councilmember O'Neil  
**Subject:** Request for direction to staff to survey the crosswalks in Town to assess the need for upgrades and explore funding opportunities through Safe Routes to School and other sources – O'Neil

**RECOMMENDATION**

Direct staff to survey the crosswalks in Town to assess the need for upgrades and to explore funding opportunities through Safe Routes to School and other sources.

**BACKGROUND**

The underground lighting has gone out at two crosswalks on Center Blvd., one at Good Earth and one near the Post Office. To replace the lights is quite expensive because the entire lighting unit has to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$600/each. The design makes maintenance very costly. The Town of San Anselmo had a similar problem with two of their lighted crosswalks and was able to replace them with lights that require only new bulbs when worn out, not an entire assembly. San Anselmo was able to secure funding to replace the outmoded lighted crosswalks. We have other crosswalks in Town that could use attention to make them safer. I suggest that the staff assess the condition of all the crosswalks in the downtown area and explore funding opportunities to upgrade them in the order of the most critical first.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Hopefully the costs can be covered by some type of grant funding.

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