

## CITY OF ATLANTA

## TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT Atlanta, Georgia 30303

March 26, 1968

KARL A. BEVINS Traffic Engineer

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor of the City of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mayor Allen:

In reply to paragragh No. 1 of your instruction sheet entitled "Requested Action to be Taken by City Departments and Public Agencies" and dated March 19, 1968, we recommend the following:

- (1) Request the Georgia Power Company to provide immediate cleaning and re-lamping and repair of all street lights needing such maintenance.
- (2) Provide the Assistant Traffic Engineer I (street light engineer) with a Traffic Engineering Assistant II to assist him by making nighttime inspections of the streets in the six areas on a regular basis (at least twice per week) and reporting lamp outages and physical damage to the Georgia Power Company for immediate repairs. Inspecting these six areas at night would be almost a full time job but any extra time could be well utilized by the Street Lighting Engineer who has no helper now.
- (3) Have the two men now available for the field investigation of requests and complaints do as they did during the summer of 1967and give all items from the six areas top priority and handle all other requests for service as time is available.
- (4) Add one Traffic Engineering Assistant II to the staff for training and assign him full time to the six areas as soon as he is capable of handling the work. (On the job training for this work requires three to four months of work experience.)
- (5) Re-check all six areas to supply any needed "speed control" signs to bring the signing up to the standards followed in other areas of the city. (This will not require many new signs.)
- (6) Have both sign and marking crews give top priority to work in the six areas and handle all other work as rapidly as possible with the time left available. (Same as 1967.)

The steps outlined above are very similar to the steps taken during 1966

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and 1967. The area to be covered this summer, (1968), is much larger and the complaints and requests for service will probably be larger. Our service to other areas in the city suffered noticeably during 1967 as the result of these steps. For this reason, we are recommending additional personnel to properly handle all of the work. We will be glad to promptly supply any additional information that you may desire.

Sincerely,

KARL A. BEVINS

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cc to:

Alderman G. Everett Millican, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Civil Disorders

Alderman Richard C. Freeman