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**March 5, 2025 Ald. Andrea M. Pratt**

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**New Street Light Circuit Upgrades Occurring in 1st Aldermanic District**

 The City of Milwaukee, working with a private contractor, will be replacing certain street lighting circuits in parts of the **1st Aldermanic District**. This work consists of lighting circuit replacement, LED lighting fixture installation, cable installation and some pole replacement. Work is currently being done in the **Rufus King** neighborhood, with replacements taking place in **Thurston Woods** next.

Common Council File #**231847** was originally introduced by Alderwoman Milele A. Coggsand co-sponsored by **Alderwoman Andrea M. Pratt** and Alderman Mark Chambers, Jr., in March 2024. The file directed DPW to provide metrics on the most troublesome street light outage areas across the city based on reports and complaints by residents, and detailed plans on how DPW will address those street light circuit and equipment problems in both the near and long term. This legislation eventually led to these new replacement projects.

Alderwoman Pratt has expressed relief that the work is getting underway. “Many residents have voiced their concerns about street light outages, and our street lights need to be in excellent working order and receive any and all necessary updates,” said Alderwoman Pratt. “Inadequate street lighting leaves our communities vulnerable to higher rates of crime. Replacing these street light circuits is an important factor in promoting public safety, and I am grateful this work is being done.”

More information on the projects such as timelines, scope, and parking restrictions can be found at the following webpages: [**Rufus King**](https://city.milwaukee.gov/dpw/infrastructure/supportforbusiness/projectsummaries/Street-Lighting-Circuit-Replacement-Districts-1-and-6)and [**Thurston Woods**](https://city.milwaukee.gov/dpw/infrastructure/supportforbusiness/projectsummaries/Street-Lighting-Circuit-Replacement-District-1)**.**

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