

Broken utility pole near busy Cape road creates sparks

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A broken utility pole on a major Cape Coral road is getting a lot of attention.

The city says the Lee County Electric Co-op patched it up but should have done better.

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Two separate poles and a loose rope that residents say look bandaged together and don't look right.



That's how the broken utility pole sits right now.

LCEC says this is a standard utility fix. The secure pole is holding up the broken one. The problem is it's situated at the corner of a major road, and it's becoming a concern.

But it's not the only broken pole as the city says there are many.

"I mean quite honestly, I'm tired of hearing next in cue. I mean so many residents complain about past poles and its next in cue. I mean when is it going to be done," Councilmember Richard Leon asked.

But LCEC says it's out of their hands as they're waiting on a third party to switch out the lines before the pole can be removed.

"Sometimes it takes them a while because you don't know what else is on their schedule without getting into their business," LCEC spokesperson Karen Ryan said.

Politics aside, the message is clear from residents.

The city says if these poles aren't replaced, it'll reconsider signing LCEC as that contract is set to expire later this year.