

Memorandum

Date: 6/3/2025 Meeting of: City Council			File No. AM No. 25-089 Type: Consent Item	
TO: Members of the City Council FROM: Mayor Angela Birney DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):				
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DEPARTMENT STAFF:				
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<u>TITLE</u>:

Speed Safety Camera Pilot Program, Ordinance Amendment, and Vendor Contract

a. Ordinance No. 3216: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Relating to the Use of Automated Traffic Safety Cameras; Authorizing Use of these Cameras to Detect Speed Zone Infractions in School Zones; Incorporating RCW 46.63.220 into this Ordinance; Providing for Severability and Establishing an Effective Date

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The Police Department is seeking Council approval to proceed with the development of an automated speed safety camera program in school zones. We request approval of the amended Redmond Municipal Code 10.25, which governs the use of automated traffic safety cameras. The proposed amendment removes references to red-light cameras, retaining only the authorization to use speed safety cameras for school zone enforcement, and incorporates language required by RCW 46.63.220.

Additionally, we are seeking approval of the contract with NovoaGlobal, the selected vendor, to support effective implementation of the program.

□ Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

□ Receive Information

□ Provide Direction

Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

Relevant Plans/Policies:
RCW 46.63.220
HSHB 2384
Safer Streets Action Plan

- Required: N/A
- Council Request: Enter the meeting and date when Council requested this information.
- Other Key Facts: N/A

OUTCOMES:

State law governing automated traffic safety cameras requires cities to conduct an analysis of proposed camera locations. This analysis must include equity considerations, such as the impact of camera placement on livability, accessibility, economics, education, and environmental health. Additionally, it must demonstrate a clear need for camera placement based on factors such as the presence of vulnerable road users, evidence of speeding, and collision history.

Placing automated safety cameras in school zones will enhance public safety by reducing excessive speeding in areas with high pedestrian and cyclist activity. By ensuring consistent enforcement, these cameras will help create safer environments for students walking or biking to school, families navigating drop-off and pick-up times, and all road users. The expected outcome is a measurable reduction in speeding, fewer near-misses and collisions, and overall improved safety for Redmond's most vulnerable road users.

A recent update to state law recommends that cities with existing speed safety camera ordinances amend them to align with new statutory requirements. Redmond Municipal Code 10.25 was originally adopted to authorize the use of automated traffic safety cameras for enforcing red-light and school speed zone violations. As part of the amended ordinance, references to red-light enforcement were removed, leaving only authorization to place cameras in school zones.

After implementing a pilot speed safety cameras program at the three schools, the Police Department will report out to Council and City leadership the results of the program and consider the possibility of future camera deployments.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- Timeline (previous or planned): N/A
- Outreach Methods and Results:

Fall 2024 Redmond Schools Parent/Guardian Questionnaire. 39.4% of respondents said slower vehicle speeds at surrounding schools would make them more comfortable with their child walking or biking to school.

Another community questionnaire specific to speed safety cameras was conducted in the spring of 2025. This questionnaire provided more detailed information about the community's awareness and general acceptance of speed safety cameras.

• Feedback Summary: See attached Safer Streets Survey Data

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:				
Money generated from the revenue of this pro	oject pays the	vendor services.		
Approved in current biennial budget:	□ Yes	🗆 No	⊠ N/A	
Budget Offer Number: 228 Criminal Justice				
Budget Priority:				
Safe and Resilient				
Other budget impacts or additional costs: <i>If yes, explain</i> :	□ Yes	🛛 No	□ N/A	
Examples: software with a yearly cost, revenue	e generating, I	match requireme	nts, etc if none,	enter N/A.
Funding source(s):				
Speed enforcement fines				

Budget/Funding Constraints: N/A

□ Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information
	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Provide Direction
1/28/2025	Study Session	Provide Direction

3/18/2025	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Provide Direction
4/8/2025	Study Session	Provide Direction
4/15/2025	Business Meeting	Approve

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Approve
6/3/2025	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

None

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

Automated speed enforcement cameras will not be used as a resource in the City.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Amended Redmond Ordinance 10.25 (Automated Speed Cameras)

Attachment B: Speed Camera Program Analysis and Recommendations

Attachment C: Service Agreement Between the City of Redmond and NovoaGlobal, Inc.

Attachment D: NovoaGlobal Sole Source Justification.

Attachment E: Safer Streets Survey Data