



City of Redmond

15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, WA

Memorandum

Date: 4/15/2025
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 25-050
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Police	Brian Coats	Deputy Police Chief
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TITLE:

Approval of Automated Speed Safety Cameras, Adoption of an Amended City Ordinance, and Approval of a Camera Vendor Service Agreement

- a. Ordinance No. 3211: An Ordinance of the City of Redmond, Washington, Relating to the Use of Park Zone Speed Cameras; Authorizing Use of These Cameras to Detect Speed Zone Infractions in Park Zones; Providing for Severability and Establishing an Effective Date

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The Police Department is seeking Council's approval to proceed with the development of an automated speed safety program in school zones. Additionally, we request approval of the amended Redmond Municipal Code 10.25, which governs the use of automated traffic safety cameras.

We are also seeking approval of the contract with NovoaGlobal, the selected camera vendor, to implement this program effectively.

☐ **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:**
N/A
- **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 stoplight and school speed zone violations. As part of the ordinance update, language was added to expand the authorized use of automated traffic safety cameras to park zones, should the City consider placing cameras in those locations.

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 will be conducted in the spring of 2025. This questionnaire will provide more detailed information about the community's awareness and general acceptance of speed safety cameras.
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Money generated from the revenue of this project 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: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

If yes, explain:

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
9/19/2023	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information
9/17/2024	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

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

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

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: Automated Speed Safety Camera Program Presentation.