



Memorandum

Date: 9/17/2024

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

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Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Police	Brian Coats	Deputy Police Chief
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TITLE:

Police Technology Update

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Police staff are looking forward to another productive discussion about how technology continues to shape the future of law enforcement. This conversation will focus on automated school and park zone enforcement cameras. Data from traffic speed surveys conducted from designated school zones and parks will be shared with Council.

Additionally, Council will be provided information regarding future plans to incorporate a Real Time Information Center (RTIC) into the police department’s operations.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Safer Streets Action Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

Automated speed enforcement cameras in school zones protects children and pedestrians by reminding motorists to slow down and obey the posted school zone speed limits, especially while the lights are flashing, and children are present. Automated speed cameras on streets bordering the city’s parks protects pedestrians and bicyclists in the vicinity or crossing the road. Adjusting motorist behavior in school and park zones requires constant monitoring by police officers, which is not possible given the number of locations in the City and additional responsibilities of officers. Signs posted in the area warning of photo enforcement and the issuance of tickets accomplishes this objective, resulting in slower vehicle speeds and less chance of a collision resulting in a serious injury or fatality.

Based on the analysis of data from jurisdictions that have speed enforcement cameras, the City can expect a 70% reduction in violations after warning signs are posted and community outreach has occurred. Another reduction of 70% is expected a year later as motorists become accustomed to the speed zone locations.

An automated speed enforcement camera program has many benefits. The cameras are impartial, providing an equal application of the speed law to all speeding vehicles and allows consistent enforcement of violations for when officers are not present. Funds generated from the speed camera violations must be used to support traffic safety programs, equipment, and traffic calming projects.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
Outreach, surveys, and educational campaigns will be conducted upon approval of this program.
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Money generated from the revenue of this project funds traffic safety initiatives and 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

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

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

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Speed Survey