



Memorandum

Date: 11/18/2025

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

File No. CM 25-631

Type: Committee Memo

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

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

Police	Chief Darrell Lowe	425-556-2521
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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Police	Brian Coats	Deputy Chief
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TITLE:

FLOCK Automated License Plate Reading (ALPR) Cameras

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Police staff will present information to Council outlining the safeguards in place to prevent unauthorized access to Redmond's ALPR data by outside entities, including federal immigration authorities.

Considering recent developments, Council will also have the opportunity to provide feedback and direction regarding the future of the ALPR program in Redmond.

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information**

☒ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
 - RPD Policy 612 - Automated License Plate Readers
 - RPD Policy 341 - Public Safety Technology Data Governance
 - RCW 10.93.160 - Keep Washington Working Act
- **Required:**
 - N/A
- **Council Request:**
 - Council requested this agenda item at the 10/21/25 PSHS Committee of the Whole
- **Other Key Facts:**
 - N/A

OUTCOMES:

The Redmond Police Department developed a public FAQ to increase transparency and address community questions about Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras. The FAQ clarifies how data is managed, who can access it, and what safeguards are in place.

Redmond operates 24 ALPR cameras, 21 grant-funded and three donated, positioned along primary routes and in areas with higher crime. The Police Department owns and controls all ALPR data, retained currently for 30 days and not shared nationally. Any external request must be reviewed and approved by the Police Chief to ensure compliance with Washington law and City policy.

Access is limited to approved law enforcement agencies with a legitimate investigative purpose. Internal and external audits confirm that no federal or out-of-state agencies have accessed Redmond's data. Strict internal controls and Flock Safety's built-in filters prevent unauthorized or prohibited use, ensuring compliance with the Keep Washington Working Act

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

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

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:
N/A

Approved in current biennial budget: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

Budget Offer Number:
N/A

Budget Priority:
Safe and Resilient

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A

If yes, explain:
N/A

Funding source(s):
\$94,968.30 grant award from the Department of Commerce
\$44,100.00 grant award from the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority
\$7,500 from the General Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
10/21/2025	Committee of the Whole - Public Safety and Human Services	Receive Information
11/3/2025	Special Meeting	Provide Direction

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
11/18/2025	Business Meeting	Provide Direction

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: RPD Policy on Automated License Plate Readers
Attachment B: RPD Policy on Public Safety Technology Data Governance
Attachment C: Flock ALPR FAQ
Attachment D: Flock Safety Attestations
Attachment E: Flock Safety-Redmond MOU
Attachment F: Flock Safety Statement of Work