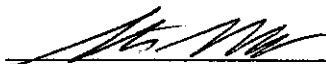


CITY OF SAN LEANDRO

STAFF REPORT


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City Manager

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TO: Stephen L. Hollister, City Manager

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SUBJECT PROJECT/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH REDFLEX TRAFFIC SYSTEMS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE RED LIGHT PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

On September 13, 2005 the City of San Leandro entered into an agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc, for a Red Light Photo Enforcement Program to be administered at six (6) different approaches throughout the city. The contract was for a period of five (5) years and expired on December 12, 2010. Since the expiration of the contract the program has continued through an extension agreement that was signed by the City Manager on December 9, 2010 and again on February 10, 2011. The extension agreement expires April 12, 2011.

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a renewal of the contract with Redflex Traffic Systems to continue the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program at five (5) approaches through December 31, 2018. The contract renewal has a provision that allows for a Financial Feasibility Review of the agreement after four (4) years, with the ability to terminate the agreement at the end of the fifth year.

BACKGROUND

Analysis

Statistical data provided by the City of San Leandro Traffic Engineering Department has shown a decrease in the number of collisions since the implementation of the program at these intersection approaches. The collision data provided showed a four (4) year period prior to the cameras being installed and the four years following. There was a decrease of over 30% during this time period from 136 collisions down to 93. Red light violations directly affect the quality of life in our community and create a serious danger to the motoring public and law enforcement officers. While the San Leandro Police Department diligently endeavors to make the streets safe, a Red Light Camera Program provides 24-hour, 7-days-a-week enforcement in an effort to reduce violations and collisions.

Current City Council Policy

Not applicable.

Previous City Council Action(s)

- On September 6, 2005, by Resolution No. 2005-127, the City Council approved a five (5)-year agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. to provide a Red Light Photo Enforcement Program.
- On April 4, 2011, by Minute Order No. 2011-066, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement extension with directions to negotiate for more favorable terms and bring an agreement back to the City Council for consideration.

Fiscal Impact

The equipment used for the Red Light Camera System is on a lease basis from the vendor, Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. The monthly leasing fee per approach was \$5,800 during the duration of the expired contract. The negotiated fee for the new contract is \$5,200 monthly per approach, and the number of approaches has been reduced to five (5). It was determined that there was no longer a need for a red light camera at the approach at Lewelling Boulevard/Washington Avenue due to the drastically reduced number of violations since the deployment of the camera, and the lack of fines generated to cover the monthly leasing cost.

The new contract will have a long term construction clause that gives the City protection should a red light camera intersection be under construction for an extended period of time, not allowing photo enforcement to take place. The clause has the City continue to pay for the intersection for the first 7 days of construction; the terms of the contract for that approach will then be suspended until the construction is completed.

The contract proposal also contains clauses that would suspend the contract should legal issues arise that do not allow us to enforce red light camera violations. These issues are covered at both the State Supreme Court and Alameda County Superior Court levels.

The new contract contains a CPI Cap of 2% per year. Projecting out the maximum 2% increase per year during the life of the contract would have the following results:

- 2011 - \$5,200 per month / per approach
- 2012 - \$5,304 per month / per approach
- 2013 - \$5,410.08 per month / per approach
- 2014 - \$5,518.28 per month / per approach
- 2015 - \$5,628.65 per month / per approach
- 2016 - \$5,741.22 per month / per approach
- 2017 - \$5,856.04 per month / per approach
- 2018 - \$5,973.17 per month / per approach

Budget Authority

Red Light Camera General Fund Account - 010-21-021-5610



Tracy Vesely, Finance Director

CONCLUSION

The Red Light Camera Program has proven to be a valuable tool in reducing the number of red light violations and collisions in our community. The City has enjoyed a good working relationship with Redflex Traffic Systems during the initial five year (5) contract period and anticipates a continued successful partnership with them heading into the future. Redflex has an excellent working relationship with the Alameda County courts, and is currently the only red light camera company being used by agencies in Alameda County. As traffic concerns arise in other areas of the City, Redflex will continue to provide the Traffic Division with traffic studies to determine possible additional areas of need. Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council approve the renewal of the contract through December 31, 2018.