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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California**SUBJECT: Agreement Between the City of Long Beach and Nestor Traffic Systems to Continue to Provide an Automated Red Light Camera Program (Citywide)****DISCUSSION**

On June 27, 2000, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Long Beach and Nestor Traffic Systems to provide an automated red light camera pilot program for a period of three years, which ended on August 9, 2004. This agreement provided red light cameras at 16 approaches.

The pilot program agreement had no up-front costs to the City. However, Nestor Traffic Systems was paid \$97 per paid citation. Assembly Bill 1022 became law in September 2003 and requires that automated red light camera vendors be paid a flat monthly fee, which cannot be based on the number of citations issued or percentage of revenue generated.

A four-year accident study, on the first 12 approaches that were part of the pilot program, revealed an overall reduction in accidents of 35.3 percent. This reduction is believed to be a result of the automated red light cameras and traffic engineering improvements provided at the intersections. Due to budget constraints, however, and because the City will now be paying a flat fee for each approach, the number of monitored approaches will be reduced from 16 to 10.

A request for proposals was solicited from automated red light camera program vendors in January 2004 and the Police Department received five proposals. A committee composed of members of the Police Department, Traffic Engineering, City Prosecutor, City Auditor and Long Beach Court Traffic Division reviewed the proposals. The committee recommended that Nestor Traffic Systems continue to serve as the City's Automated Red Light Camera vendor.

This item was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on October 8, 2004 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on October 11, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this matter is requested at the November 23, 2004 meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

Based on the expected number of citations to be issued at the 10 approaches, the City expects to receive approximately \$464,000 annually from this program. This will cover the annual payment to Nestor Traffic Systems of \$240,000 (\$2,000 per approach, per month for 10 approaches) as well as the approximate costs of \$192,000 for the personnel to operate the program. The revenue and personnel are included in the FY 05 Police Department General Fund budget. The payment for Nestor Traffic Systems will come from existing Police Department General Fund appropriation as in previous years.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement, and any subsequent amendments, with Nestor Traffic Systems, for an automated red light camera program for a period of three years, with two one-year renewal options, for \$240,000 annually.

Respectfully submitted,


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