# Automated License Plate Recognition Program



CITY of CALABASAS

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#### What is ALPR and Why?

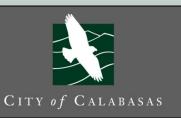
- ALPR systems allow for monitoring of license plate information along City roadways for enhanced law enforcement
  - Alerts for vehicles or people of interest that have entered City
  - Provides additional information for investigations after a crime has been committed
  - Deters criminal behavior
  - Share data between law enforcement agencies
- Requested by LA County Sherriff and Greater Mulwood Homeowners Assoc.
  - General law enforcement
  - Vehicles participating in speeding or speed contests
  - Monitor for stolen vehicles



#### What it is not

- Does not take photographs of drivers or passengers
- Is not a red-light or speed enforcement camera
- Is not use for signal operations
- Does not store video
- Data is not compiled and use or sold to companies for advertising
- Access to any data is restricted to law enforcement agencies only and can only be used for official law enforcement business
  - Law requires agencies to have a policy on use

Not this



#### **How does it work?**

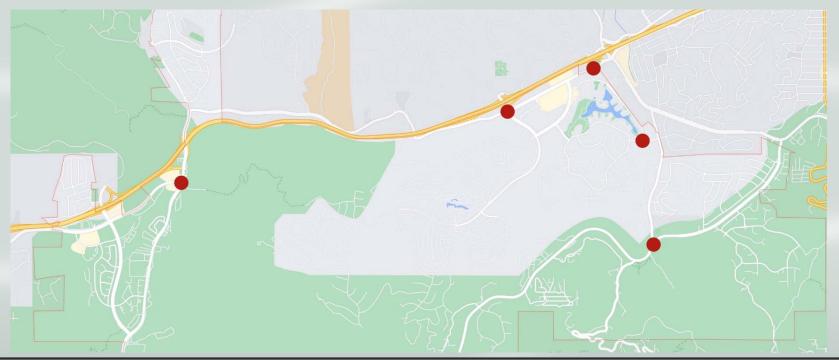
- Camera is mounted on City or SCE poles
- Captures vehicle license plate information using computer processing in the camera
  - Stores a single photo and associated data for 30 days
  - Law enforcement can save data on an individual basis for investigative purposes
  - After 30 days overwrites the data
  - Any saved data required to be held for a period of 2 years
- LASD can have list of license plates on a "watch list." When the license plate comes up, the system can notify LASD of time and location



#### **Initial Locations Being Considered**

- Las Virgenes Road at Agoura Road
- Calabasas Road at Parkway Calabasas
- Park Ora at Park Sorrento

- Calabasas Road at Old Town Calabasas (City Limit)
- Mulholland Hwy at Old Topanga Cyn Road





#### **Flock Safety System**

- Smaller cameras can be mounted to any City or SCE owned streetlight, signal pole, or sign post
- Uses solar power and cellular communications
- Capture data across multiple vehicle lanes
- Used in several agencies in the region:
  - Malibu
  - Ventura
  - Port Hueneme
  - La Canada Flintridge
  - Glendale
  - San Marino



#### **Flock Safety Agreement**

- Term is for one year and 5 locations
- City may authorize one year extension
- City can terminate in 5 calendar days
- Initial term cost is:
  - \$1,250 for installation
  - \$12,500 for annual operating fee
- City will evaluate program in collaboration with LASD before considering extension for another year



#### **Policy**

- State Law requires that the City adopt a policy for use of ALPR
- Draft Policy prepared by City Attorney
- Policy covers the following requirements:
  - Authorized use
  - Records and data storage
  - Sharing of information
  - Use of system
  - Training



#### **Commission Actions**

- Presented to Public Safety Commission on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Unanimously recommended approval of use of ALPR, City Policy, and Flock Safety system
- Presented to Traffic and Transportation Commission on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Unanimously recommended approval of use of ALPR and City Policy



#### **Requested Action**

- Approve use of ALPR in City
- Approve City ALPR Policy
- Approve contract with Flock Safety



## **Questions?**

