



CITY of CALABASAS
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK SAFETY TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN ADDITIONAL AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERAS THROUHOUT THE CITY

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2023

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the following: Agreement with Flock Safety

BACKGROUND:

On November 10, 2021, the City Council approved a 1-year agreement with Flock Safety and the installation of (5) Automated license plate recognition (ALPR) systems throughout the City. These locations were selected by Los Angeles Sheriff Department (LASD) because of proximity to gateway areas where vehicles are entering the City, and locations of known speeding and illegal street racing. The proposed locations are also widespread across the City to provide broad coverage.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Automated license plate recognition (ALPR) systems automatically capture vehicles' license plate information via computer processing of a photograph, compare the plate number to one or more law enforcement agency databases (e.g., Stolen Vehicles;

Warrants; Terrorism Watch List; Amber Alerts; etc.), and alert law enforcement personnel when a license plate of a vehicle in the database has been identified. It stores photo and associated data for a set period of time (typically 30 days) that allows law enforcement to look back at which vehicles were present by time of day to assist with leads in an investigation. It automates a tedious, manual process that is difficult for officers to complete, and vastly improves the efficiency and effectiveness of identifying wanted vehicles and persons of interest among the thousands of vehicles driving on our roadways. These systems do not record any video, only single photograph, license plate number, and certain vehicle characteristics identified by the system such as color and type of vehicle. After 30 days the data is overwritten with new data so there is no long-term storage unless pulled out of the system for enforcement investigation purposes. Any photographic and meta data saved by LASD will be held for a period of 2-years for these purposes.

LASD has utilized the system for the following improved community policing efforts:

- Receive real time field information of suspect vehicles in the area allowing them to solve crimes more quickly and the potential to prevent crimes.
- Monitor for stolen vehicles.
- Collect license plate information for suspected street racing.

The cameras system has the following protocols to protect privacy:

- Does not take photographs of drivers or passengers
- Does not store video
- Data is not compiled and used or sold to companies for advertising or tracking
- Access to any data collected from the public right-of-way is restricted to law enforcement agencies only and can only be used for official law enforcement purposes

City staff and Lost Hills Sheriff is recommending the purchase of at least 13 additional ALPR systems to further enhance the current ALPR system network from Flock Safety to capture crucial crime related data that will allow law enforcement to investigate crimes committed within the city. The Flock Safety system can be installed on standard traffic sign type poles and powered with solar power or installed on a small support pole provided by Flock Safety if no existing pole is available.

The attached agreement provides for the one-time installation of thirteen (13) additional locations listed above as well as annual ongoing operational costs for a period of five years. The five-year agreement will lock in current pricing for the ongoing annual \$2,500 per device fee from Flock Safety.

The previously approved ALPR City Policy and Flock Safety proposal were reviewed by both the Public Safety Commission and Traffic and Transportation Commission. Both commissions previously recommended both the policy and a contract with Flock Safety for implementation be forwarded to the City Council for consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Continuation of the program through approval of the 5-year agreement with Flock Safety will have costs associated with initial placement, ongoing licensing fees for maintenance and operations, as well as City staffing costs to manage the project. Estimated startup and ongoing costs related to the Flock Safety agreement is:

Name	Installation Cost	Ongoing Fees/Year
Per location	\$	\$45,000
9 locations (existing infrastructure)	\$150 per at \$1350	
4 locations (new pole)	\$650 per at \$2600	
Total first year	\$3,950 (one time)	\$48,950
Total 5 year		\$228,950

The term of the agreement would be for five years. If the program continues to be successful and the City decides to add more locations, the same per location fees would apply. The total cost of the agreement will have a maximum not to exceed fee of \$228,950 that includes a \$11,050 contingency for a total budget need of \$240,000.

Funding for this agreement is from account 10-211-5251-00 for the equipment and 10-211-5252-00 for ongoing services.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Staff recommends that the City Council review and approve the proposed five-year Sole Source Agreement with Flock Safety.

ATTACHMENTS:

A: Proposed Flock Safety Agreement