



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: SAFETY, WELLNESS & YOUTH COMMITTEE DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2020
FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER PROGRAM

ISSUE:

Receive and file this report on the history, technology and usage of the automated license plate reader program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee receive and file this report on the history, technology and usage of the automated license plate reader program.

BACKGROUND:

On July 21, 2020, the Riverside Police Department (RPD) brought forward a council item to approve a purchase order for installation costs with Stommel Inc. and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Regents of the University of California, Riverside campus and the Riverside Police Department for the automated license plate reader program.

The University of California, Riverside (UCR) had acquired grant funding for \$100,000 to purchase 12 fixed automated license plate reader cameras and the annual license renewal fees. The RPD would pay for the installation of the cameras at a cost of approximately \$40,400. In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding was developed to define the roles and responsibilities associated with the installation, operational expenses, and maintenance/repair expenses for the camera hardware.

Council approved the recommendations and requested that RPD present more information on the technology of the automated license plate reader to the City Council Safety, Wellness, and Youth Committee.

DISCUSSION:

The Riverside Police Department will present information about the license plate program, covering the following items:

1. History of the program including UCR interest
2. Basic technology of mobile and fixed license plate reader cameras

3. Usage of LPR in police investigations

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommendation in this report.

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Attachment: PowerPoint Presentation