

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: * Amend contract with Xerox State and Local Solutions, Inc. for the Photo Radar System to expand services and increase the not to exceed amount by \$4,500,000, authorize a related Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Multnomah County Circuit Court, and find ten roadways as urban high crash corridors eligible for safety cameras (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 31000129)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

The purpose of this legislation is to amend the contract with Xerox State and Local Solutions for photo radar system services. The Ordinance will increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$4,500,000 and expand the scope of work to include fixed speed safety cameras.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

- The cost associated with this contract is supported by citation fines paid for traffic offense violations stemming from the photo radar traffic enforcement program.
- The City's current automated enforcement programs delivered via this contract (mobile van speed enforcement and red light camera program) have been cost neutral - the amount of citation revenue received by the City roughly matches the operating cost of the programs.
- The Transportation Bureau conservatively projects that the citation fines paid for traffic offense violations stemming from the expanded service outlined in this legislation (piloting fixed speed safety cameras) will more than cover contract costs over the term.
- Based on citation estimations from Xerox Local Solutions, Transportation Bureau staff project less than \$500,000 of revenue per year stemming from the fixed speed safety camera program. As outlined in the Chapter 721 of the 2015 Oregon Laws authorizing the fixed speed safety camera pilot, any revenues to the City in excess of contract costs and the costs of program operations and administrations (e.g. Police Officer's time reviewing each citation) will be dedicated to traffic safety for all modes. PBOT will establish a new dedicated account for this purpose.
- As outlined in the included Memorandum of Understanding, this expansion will result in additional staff. PBOT has requested one additional Program Specialist position to manage the fixed speed safety camera program contract, perform related community outreach, and coordinate between the Multnomah County Circuit Court and the Police and Transportation bureaus.
- The Portland Police Bureau intends to staff the first six months of the program with existing Traffic Division staff, utilizing overtime when necessary. Thereafter they are exploring additional options including utilizing light duty officers.

Community impacts and community involvement:

- The Portland Bureau of Transportation and the Office of Government Relations performed significant outreach and received substantial media coverage as it sought to gain authority to pilot fixed speed safety cameras from the state legislature.
- The City's effort to gained support from a broad cross section of agencies, community organizations and Portland leaders, including:
 - **The Oregonian Editorial Board:** As stated in their March 15th editorial in support of HB 2621: "It's clear that speeders continue to pose unaccountable risk to other drivers, and most of all pedestrians... Unmanned photo radar would simply be a cost-efficient, not to mention racial-profiling-proof, method of detecting and punishing drivers whose indifference to life poses threat."
 - **The Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs:** As Daryl Turner, President of the Coalition stated in support of HB 2621: "This effort is particularly vital in a City like Portland, where many residents rely on safe pedestrian and bicycle routes to travel. Additionally, judicious use of photo radar in lieu of stationing officers in particular locations can help free up limited public safety resources."
 - **Metro Council**
 - **Portland City Council**
 - **Oregon Walks**
 - **The Bicycle Transportation Alliance**
 - **82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition**
 - **Friends of Barbur**
 - **SW Trails**
 - **The Jade District & APANO** (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon)
 - **Elders in Action**
 - **Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee**
 - **Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee**
 - **The Community School Traffic Safety Coordinating Council**
- As outlined in the included Memorandum of Understanding, the parties propose a phased four corridor pilot, beginning with Beaverton Hillsdale Highway for which community outreach has already begun.
- Staff identified early on concerns that speeding violations can be difficult to afford for low income Portlanders. The typical citation stemming from fixed cameras will be a Class C Violation, for travelling 11 to 20mph in excess of the speed limit, for which there is a \$160 presumptive fine.
- To address this concern without affecting traffic fines statewide, Transportation and Government Relations staff developed what they believe is the country's most transparent fixed speed safety camera program authorization.
- Each enforced corridor will be publicly announced and widely known, and each fixed speed safety camera location will issue warnings rather than citation for the first 30 days.
- Additionally, per Chapter 721 of the 2015 Oregon Laws, the City's contractor will place a series of signs clearly stating:
 - that speeds on the corridor are photo enforced
 - the current speed limit
 - and a speed reader board stating your current rate of speed

- A driver will pass all of this signage before reaching a fixed speed safety camera, providing them both the information and opportunity to slow down, obey the law, and avoid a citation.
- Public perception of the program will be gauged throughout the pilot and reported on biannually to the state legislature.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- ☐ **YES:** Please complete the information below.
- ☐ **NO:** Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

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