



CITY OF SALINAS

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC DIVISION

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TITLE: RED LIGHT SAFETY CAMERA UPDATE

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

No motion is requested. This report is for information only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational item only, there is no recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

The Police Department selected Verra Mobility as the vendor to provide red light cameras in the City of Salinas. A five-year professional services agreement was finalized on November 20, 2018. Public works has been working closely with Verra Mobility in the design and construction of the four (4) intersections: North Sanborn Road at East Laurel Drive; Laurel Drive at North Main Street; West Laurel Drive at North Davis Road; and North Main Street at Boronda Road. Location choices were made based on traffic counts, collision records, future construction plans and other factors that impact suitability.

Through an encroachment permit, Verra Mobility has constructed the red light safety cameras at each of the abovementioned intersections. Camera and systems testing started in early October. The red light safety cameras began operating November 1st. For the first month warning citations will be issued. Beginning December 1st, the red light safety cameras will begin issuing real citations to red light runners.

Each red light safety camera will cost \$4650 per month. Funds generated by the red light safety cameras will be used to pay for the cost of the service. Any additional funds generated by this program will then be used to reimburse staff time involved in the program. If any further funds are generated by the red light safety program it will be allocated to a traffic safety program.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The Boronda Road Congestion Relief Project addresses the current City Council's goals of Safe Livable Community, Well Planned City and Excellent Infrastructure, and Quality of Life by providing improved enforcement of traffic violations.

DEPARTMENT COORDINATION:

During this project, the Police Department has worked closely with the Public Works Department and the Finance Department. The Police Department has contacted the Monterey County Traffic Court and is working with the court to develop a system for processing the automated red light violations.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Red Light Safety Cameras Brochure