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PUBLIC SAFETY

MOTION

A recent study from the Los Angeles Police Department suggests that the City's Photo Red Light (PRL) Program substantially improves public safety. From January 2004 to December 2009 red light collisions and RLC intersections have decreased by 63%. In addition, there has been an overall decrease of 10% in all types of collisions and no red-light-related fatalities in those intersections since the program started.

Given some budgetary concerns with the Photo Red Light Program, on June 7, 2011, the Board of Police Commissioners disapproved a recommendation from the Police Department relative to the selection of a vendor for the City's PRL Program.

In recent months, the Council has considered various elements of the PRL program, including the findings of a Controller audit, an examination of alternative traffic safety measures, and a temporary extension for the existing contractor so that the current contract selection process can be completed.

Given the citywide impacts of the Board's decision to not award a contract, its impacts on continuation of the PRL program, and Council's recent consideration of the issues associated with the program, it is appropriate for the Council to carefully review the Board's action to disapprove the contract and its impacts to the City's PRL program.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department conduct a study of the public safety impact of terminating the Red Light Camera Safety program to ensure that public safety is not compromised; and direct the CAO and CLA to conduct a thorough review of the Red Light Safety Camera program to ensure that fees/expenses are appropriately and accurately applied by all impacted parties (i.e. City of LA, County of LA, LA County Courts, Red Light Safety Camera vendor), explore options to increase leverage for delinquent RLS violations (i.e. DMV hold) and meet with the Los Angeles County Superior Court regarding their refusal to impose penalties for RLS violations.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council:

1. Instruct the Police Commission to hold in abeyance the pending Request For Proposals (RFP) for the above program pending the outcome of public safety and revenue issues outlined above.
2. Instruct the Police Commission to extend the contract term on a cost-neutral, month-to-month basis with the existing contractor starting August 1, 2011, for a total period of time not to exceed 360 days, subject to the approval of the City Attorney, as to form and legality and pending the outcome of public safety and revenue issues outlined above.

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