

COUNCIL AGENDA SYNOPSIS



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<i>Meeting Date</i>	<i>Prepared by</i>	<i>Mayor's review</i>	<i>Council review</i>	
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ITEM INFORMATION

	STAFF SPONSOR: LAUREL HUMPHREY	ORIGINAL AGENDA DATE: 9/13/21
AGENDA ITEM TITLE	Resolution relating to revenues generated from the use of Automated Traffic Safety Cameras in School Zones and associated Municipal Court and Police Department Staffing request.	
CATEGORY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Discussion</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Motion</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Resolution</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ordinance</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Bid Award</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Public Hearing</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> <i>Mtg Date 9/13/21</i> <i>Mtg Date</i> <i>Mtg Date 9/20/21</i> <i>Mtg Date</i> <i>Mtg Date</i> <i>Mtg Date</i> <i>Mtg Date</i>	
SPONSOR	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Council</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mayor</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Admin Svcs</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>DCD</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Finance</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Fire</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>P&R</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Police</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>PW</i>	
SPONSOR'S SUMMARY	The proposed resolution states that revenues generated by school zone automated traffic cameras, beyond those needed to fully fund the program, should be directed only to school traffic and pedestrian safety initiatives. Staff is also seeking Council approval of 1.25 FTE in Municipal Court and 1.0 in PD for program staffing.	
REVIEWED BY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trans&Infrastructure Svcs <input type="checkbox"/> Community Svcs/Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Finance & Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Planning & Community Dev. <input type="checkbox"/> LTAC <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Comm. <input type="checkbox"/> Parks Comm. <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Comm. DATE: 8/9/21 COMMITTEE CHAIR: SEAL	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	SPONSOR/ADMIN. _____ COMMITTEE Unanimous Approval; Forward to Committee of the Whole	
COST IMPACT / FUND SOURCE		
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	AMOUNT BUDGETED	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED
\$	\$	\$
Fund Source:		
Comments:		
MTG. DATE	RECORD OF COUNCIL ACTION	
9/13/21		
9/20/21		
MTG. DATE	ATTACHMENTS	
9/13/21	Informational Memo dated 8/3/21 (updated 9/7/21)	
	Draft Resolution	
	Minutes from the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee meeting of 8/9/21	
9/20/21	Informational Memo (updated after 9/13 Committee of the Whole)	
	Final Resolution	



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: **Transportation & Infrastructure Services Committee**
FROM: **Laurel Humphrey, Legislative Analyst**
DATE: **August 3, 2021 (Updated September 14, 2021)**
SUBJECT: **School Zone Automated Traffic Safety Camera Revenue**

ISSUE

The proposed resolution states that revenues generated by school zone automated traffic cameras, beyond those needed to fully fund the program, should be directed only to school traffic and pedestrian safety initiatives.

BACKGROUND

Ordinance 2612, adopted in August 2019 after a rigorous year-long public meeting and outreach process¹, authorizes the use of automated traffic safety cameras in school speed zones in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 46.63 RCW. In August 2020 the City Council authorized a contract with NovoaGlobal Inc. for implementation of the program, which is intended to be cost neutral to the City, with personnel, vendor, equipment, and adjudication all covered by program revenues. ~~The pilot program initially proposed to place two cameras, westbound and eastbound, located between the 4200 and 4600 blocks on South. The Community Services & Safety Committee received a program update last month, including a staff recommendation that two additional cameras be placed on 42nd Avenue South. The program will begin this year with the return to in-person school. September will serve as an educational phase in with infractions beginning in October.~~

During the August 2020 discussion of the contract, the City Council made clear that the program goal should be behavioral change, not punishment or revenues, with the end result being significantly improved safety for our community members. At that time the Council requested the preparation of a policy that would direct any revenue above the cost of the program be used exclusively for school zone traffic safety improvements, including infrastructure and driver education. There are many unknowns with this pilot program, and staff is recommending this policy direction be captured in a resolution that makes the intent clear but provides future flexibility to adjust as new information becomes available. It is difficult to predict program revenue at this time and the City Council can adjust based on the first year of implementation.

Additional Staffing Request

Program revenue was always intended to pay the costs of personnel, vendor, and equipment costs as stated in the resolution. Staff is also seeking Council approval of up to 1.25 FTE for Municipal Court and up to 1.0 FTE for Police Department for staffing relating to this program, to be included in the mid-biennium budget amendment.

¹ Extensive background information can be found in the [7/22/19 COW presentation](#)

Municipal Court: During the approval process, the Municipal Court informed the Council that, based on communication with colleagues in other jurisdictions with photo enforcement, additional staffing would be needed to support the program to effectively and efficiently process the citations issued by the Police Department and adequately assist the customers who receive the infractions. The estimated expense for supporting this request totals \$228,097. The breakdown is as follows:

2021 4 th Quarter 1 FTE Court Operations Associate	\$ 23,120
2021 4 th Quarter .25 FTE Court Operations Assistant	\$ 18,520
2021 Technology Equipment for New FTE	\$ 4,000
Total:	\$ 45,640
2022 Annual for 1 FTE Court Operations Associate	\$ 104,346
2022 Annual for .25 FTE Court Operations Associate	\$ 78,114
Total:	\$ 182,457

The above figures, excluding the equipment, include salary and estimated benefits.

Police Department: The Police Department anticipates additional staffing needs associated with processing citations, with the exact need to be determined as more data is collected from the pilot program implementation. The current request is for staffing approval up to 1.0 FTE, which is an estimated cost of \$170,000 per year including salary, benefits, equipment and training.

Implementation and Next Steps:

The program is currently underway in alignment with the new school year. Two cameras have been placed in the 4500 block of South 144th Street and a 30-day warning period commenced on September 1. Notices of infractions will begin on October 1, 2021.

Earlier this year the Community Services & Safety and Transportation & Infrastructure Committees received preliminary information that the Police Department was conducting analysis of potential additional camera locations on 42nd Avenue South. Per the request of the two Committees, Chief Drever will provide information about this proposal for Council discussion during a program implementation update scheduled for the October 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole.

ATTACHMENTS

Draft resolution



City of Tukwila

Washington

Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE USE OF AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SAFETY CAMERAS IN SCHOOL ZONES.

WHEREAS, vehicles speeding through school zones is an ongoing problem of great concern to the Tukwila community; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has adopted Chapter 46.63 RCW, which authorizes local jurisdictions to use automated traffic safety cameras in school speed zones; and

WHEREAS, the Tukwila City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2612, codified at Tukwila Municipal Code Chapter 9.53, authorizing the use of automated traffic safety cameras in school zones; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's goal relating to use of the cameras is behavioral change leading to a safer environment for all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends that revenues generated by the automated traffic safety cameras be used principally to cover the costs of the enforcement program, with any surplus revenues to be used only to expand efforts to improve traffic and pedestrian safety in school zones;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Revenues generated by automated traffic safety cameras in school zones shall be used to pay the costs of administering the automated traffic safety camera program including, but not limited to, the following:

- personnel costs;
- vendor costs; and
- equipment costs associated with installation, administration, enforcement, operations, maintenance, adjudication, and technology infrastructure security and integration.

Section 2. Revenues in excess of costs described in Section 1 shall be directed towards school traffic and pedestrian safety, including school zone infrastructure projects and driver education campaigns. Distribution of revenues between school zone infrastructure projects and driver education campaigns shall be evaluated following the first year of school zone automated traffic safety camera implementation.

Section 3. Revenues from fines for traffic infractions under Tukwila Municipal Code Chapter 9.53 shall not be diverted to non-traffic-safety purposes.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a Regular Meeting thereof this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Christy O'Flaherty, MMC, City Clerk

Kate Kruller, Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

Filed with the City Clerk: _____
Passed by the City Council: _____
Resolution Number: _____

Office of the City Attorney