



## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: **CSS**

FROM: **Eric Drever, Chief of Police**

CC: **Mayor Ekberg**

DATE: **12/02/2022, 2022**

SUBJECT: **School Speed Zone Camera Update**

### **ISSUE**

An update to the City Administration and CSS Regarding School Zone Cameras.

### **BACKGROUND**

Speed Zone Cameras were installed in the school Zone in the 4440 block of S.144<sup>th</sup> Street. The cameras were operational on September 1, 2021.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Speed Zone Cameras are operational 1.5 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon, based on the Tukwila School District schedule. During these times the yellow flashing lights on the signage are activated to inform the public that the system is operational.

See Attachment below for the number of Infractions/Cases that were issued between September and October 2022.

Additional Automated Safety Cameras in School Zones will be installed in the 15000 block of 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave South, and the 14000 block of 42<sup>nd</sup> Av S. Construction on those sites will begin in 2023.

There have been some setbacks with the current camera system on South 144<sup>th</sup> street with the contractor and Seattle City Light. Those issues are currently being resolved.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

#### **Revenue**

In September and October there were 649 tickets issued for an amount ordered of \$97,685.00. Of that \$47,635 was paid, \$48,040.00 is still outstanding. The remaining \$2,010.00 was adjusted by the courts.

#### **Cost for PD Processing**

Cost for PD processing is per Novoa Global/Tukwila City Council approval of one full time traffic officer 2022 estimated salary and benefits of \$143,435.00 currently the approved position has not been needed and the Traffic Unit has been able to absorb the processing of the citations.

### Cost for processing for Courts

2.25 FTEs from mid-December 2021 to February 2022 salary and benefits is \$41,857.00.

### Fees from Novoa Global

Pricing for the Novoa Global School Speed Zone Camera System is as follows \$2,999.25 per camera system, per month, currently we have two camera systems for a monthly total of \$5,998.50 per month.

### CONCLUSION

The School Zone Speed Cameras have been successful in reducing speed in school zones near Foster High School and Showalter Middle School.

The success of reducing speeders in the current camera school zones, suggests that expanding the systems to west side of Foster High school on 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave S and the west side of Thorndyke Elementary on 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave S., as is already approved by council will increase safety and provide revenue to the city. The revenues generated from this program currently cover the cost of the system and the additional FTEs approved by council.

The council will also be voting on the proposal for an Automated Safety Camera in the area of Codiga Park at the next COW. This area was chosen because of a large number of speeding violations in that area according to a Novoa Global 3 day speed study.

### ATTACHMENTS

September-October 2022 School Zone Court Report (Chart).

