

# Staff Report



## Modification to the Professional Services Contract for Digital Red Light Photo Enforcement Program

City Council Meeting Date: 5-19-09

Document Being Considered: Resolution

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute a contract modification to increase the original term of the professional services contract for the Digital Red Light Photo Enforcement Program with American Traffic Solutions (ATS), Inc. by 15 years, for a total of 20 years.

### **PRIOR BOARD OR COUNCIL ACTION**

On January 9, 2007, Council approved resolution 07-004 authorizing the execution of a professional services contract with American Traffic Solutions of Scottsdale, Arizona for the digital red light photo program.

On July 25, 2006, Council approved ordinance 06-074 amending the "Traffic and Motor Vehicles" Chapter of the City Code providing for the implementation of an automated red light enforcement program.

On June 27, 2006, Council approved resolution 06-319 authorizing the solicitation of proposals for a photo enforcement system to be used as a traffic enforcement tool in Arlington.

### **ANALYSIS**

This contract modification provides for the addition of 15 years to the base term of the original contract. The original contract had a primary term of 5 years with two 3-year renewal options. Initial implementation was for ten intersections, with the option of expanding to 40 throughout the City. The contract contains a provision that the City Council may terminate the contract if any expenses are incurred by the City.

The City of Arlington utilizes red light cameras as a part of its overall community policing strategy. The use of this technology has reduced accidents by an average of 30% at intersections with cameras while allowing for police resources that would have otherwise been monitoring traffic lights to be deployed in neighborhoods, employing a more efficient use of patrol time.

The program provides complete notice of violation processing, installation and repair of equipment, training of key employees and adjudication personnel, providing expert witness testimony in court if required, local customer service, and fine collection. Receipts from this program to date are \$1,560,655. The revenue funds police officer positions and safety programs.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

FY 2010  
\$0

FY 2011  
\$0

FY 2012  
\$0

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Attached:	Resolution
Under separate cover:	None
Available in the Purchasing Division:	Bid File – 06-0149

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