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**ROSENDAHL, LAPD ANNOUNCE THE ACTIVATION OF
NEW PHOTO RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT CAMERA NEAR LAX**

Westchester- Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl and officials from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) today announced the activation of the new photo red light enforcement camera system at the intersection of Airport Boulevard and Manchester Avenue, in Westchester, near LAX.

“Drivers cannot continue to endanger the public by speeding through red lights,” Rosendahl said. “The activation of the new photo red light camera will ensure the safety of motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and will make our streets safer.”

Rosendahl said he hoped to see a significant reduction in speeding and traffic collisions with the presence of the device.

In the last two years, 24 traffic collisions have occurred at the intersection of Airport Boulevard and Manchester Avenue --the second highest number of traffic collisions in the 11th district.

“The automated photo red light enforcement program is a traffic safety program that is designed to reduce serious injury and fatal traffic collisions at major intersections in the city,” LAPD Sergeant Matthew Macwillie said. “Last year, traffic collisions were down 15% at intersections equipped with red light cameras.”

"The Department of Transportation is proud to support Councilmember Bill Rosendahl's efforts, as well as our partners, the Los Angeles Police Department, to make signalized intersections safer by citing red light violators," Gloria Jeff, General Manager of LADOT said.

The new photo red light camera system was activated during "National Stop on Red Week", a program dedicated to educating Americans about the dangers of running red lights. The new camera system is the second in the 11th district and the 23rd in the entire city.

The photo red light camera system, which consists of multiple digital video cameras, records violations 24 hours a day. Independent video cameras capture video evidence of the rear of the vehicle, the license plate, the driver, and the vehicle proceeding through a red light.

Violations are reviewed by LAPD officers and citations are mailed to drivers within 15 days of the actual violation. The fine for a red light violation is \$381 and the fine for a right turn on red violation is \$159.

Motorists who receive citations can view video evidence by appointment or via the [internet](#).

Although the red light camera system has been activated, actual enforcement will begin in 30 days.

"The 30 day grace period will give motorists the opportunity to become educated on the photo red light enforcement system," Rosendahl said.

On November 18, 2005, the City of Los Angeles approved a contract with Nestor Traffic Systems, Inc. for the operation of automated photo red light systems. A total of 32 intersections citywide will be equipped with the camera system.

For more information on the photo red light enforcement system, please go to: www.lapd.org.

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