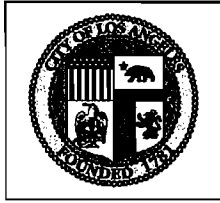
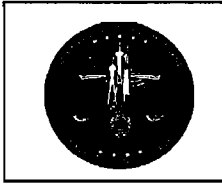
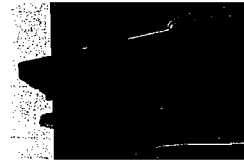


# City of Los Angeles



On November 18, 2005, the City Council approved the contract with Nestor Traffic Systems, Incorporated, to provide video based photo red light enforcement for the City of Los Angeles. The Automated Photo Red Light Enforcement Program is a joint partnership between the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. The new system will be installed at 32 intersections throughout the City.



## THIS IS OUR NEW RED LIGHT CAMERA

- ❖ **What is the goal of the Red light Camera Enforcement System?**

The goal of this program is to increase intersection safety and reduce the number of serious injury and fatality traffic collisions caused by red light running. This will be accomplished by changing driver behavior through public education and through high profile enforcement.
- ❖ **Does the City of Los Angeles need red-light cameras?**

In 2005, ten people were killed and 2,597 people were injured in red light-related traffic collisions within the City. The Automated Photo Red Light Enforcement Program is intended to be a supplement to existing law enforcement methods, helping the Police Department and Los Angeles Department of Transportation achieve more consistent traffic enforcement. Photo red light cameras operate twenty-four hours a day which allows officers to focus on other traffic-related violations.
- ❖ **What are the dangers of red light running?**

Red light running is a serious problem. Approximately 1,000 people die each year, and another 200,000 are injured as a result of red light running. These figures not only include violators, but also include innocent motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. The annual cost of red light running in the United States is a staggering \$14 billion.
- ❖ **Are red light cameras effective and what are the benefits?**

Statistics show that red light cameras have proven to be effective in reducing red light violations and right-angle crashes. Throughout the United States, communities using automated enforcement typically experience a 40% to 60% reduction in violations and a 25% to 35% reduction in right-angle crashes. Red light cameras serve as an effective deterrent to red light running and have a positive safety impact. Cities using these systems consistently report safer roads with fewer intersection collisions.
- ❖ **How does the red light camera enforcement system work?**

The system uses multiple cameras placed at the intersection to record video evidence of the red light runners. Three independent video cameras capture video evidence of the rear of the vehicle, the license plate, the driver, and a video showing the vehicle behind the limit line while the light is red and then proceeding through the intersection while the light is still red.
- ❖ **What state law authorizes the use of red light cameras?**

California Vehicle Code Section 21455.5 authorizes the use of red light cameras throughout the state. This section establishes specific requirements with which a city must comply in order to utilize an automated enforcement system.
- ❖ **Where else are red light cameras used?**

Red light cameras have been in operation worldwide for over 30 years and were first introduced to the United States over ten years ago. There are presently over 120 programs in operation in 19 states and the District of Columbia.

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## Automated Photo Red Light Enforcement Program

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. What is a Red Light Camera Enforcement System

The red light camera enforcement system is part of a Citywide traffic safety program operated by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to reduce the number of red light violations and traffic collisions occurring at intersections. The system operates twenty-four hours a day to capture evidence of violators who fail to stop for a red light.

#### 2. What is a red light violation?

A red light violation occurs when a vehicle is behind the limit line and proceeds through an intersection **after** the traffic signal has turned red.

It is **not** a violation if the vehicle has already passed the limit line at the time the signal turned red. At no time will a citation be issued if the vehicle crosses the limit line while the traffic signal is still yellow.

#### 3. What do the cameras photograph?

The cameras capture video evidence of a violation, including front and rear images of the violating vehicle. One video shows the vehicle crossing the limit line and proceeding through the intersection while the traffic signal is red. The second video, recorded simultaneously, captures images of the front and rear of the vehicle, including the driver's face and the license plate.

#### 4. Do the cameras photograph every vehicle?

No. The Red Light Camera Enforcement System only captures vehicles that run the red light.

#### 5. What if I wasn't driving the vehicle at the time of the violation?

If you were not driving the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation, you have several options. You must complete the affidavit of non-liability printed on the back of the Notice of Violation and return within 30 days of the mailing date listed on the front of the Notice.

#### 6. Can I view the evidence of the red light violation?

Yes. You are encouraged to view the event either over the Internet or in person. The video evidence may be reviewed by appointment only at one of the four traffic divisions within the Los Angeles Police Department or via the Internet at [https://www.ViewYourTicket.com/TicketViewerCA\\_LA](https://www.ViewYourTicket.com/TicketViewerCA_LA). To schedule an appointment call (866) 334-2156. Picture identification is required for all appointments.

#### 7. How much is the fine? How do I pay?

The fine for a red light violation captured by the red light camera system is \$381.00. The fine for a right turn on red violation is \$159.00. You may pay by check or money order. Submit the bail amount listed on the Notice of Violation, payable to Clerk of the Court. Write citation number and your driver's license number on your check or money order. **DO NOT MAIL CASH.** Mail to: Los Angeles Metropolitan Court, P.O. Box 77388, Los Angeles, CA 9 0007.

To pay-by-phone using Visa /MasterCard /Discover, call (213) 742-1884 available weekdays 6:00 am to 10:30 pm and weekends 8:00 am to 6:30 pm. To pay using the Internet use web address [www.lasuperiorcourt.org](http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org).

#### 8. What if I want to appeal or contest the citation?

You may request a court trial through the mail or in person at the court by posting the bail amount listed on the Notice of Violation. You may request a trial by written declaration through the mail, by calling (213) 742-1884 or via the court's website at [www.lasuperiorcourt.org](http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org).

#### 9. My I attend traffic school?

You may be eligible to attend traffic school if you have not attended in the last 18 months. The nonrefundable bail amount is due plus the \$39 traffic school fee. You may sign up for traffic school by mail or in person at the court. You may also sign up for traffic school by calling (213) 742-1884, or by accessing the court's website at [www.lasuperiorcourt.org](http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org).