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It has been reported that the Department of Transportation and Nestor Traffic Solutions are falling short of their commitment to design, construct, install and operate photo red light camera systems at the 32 most dangerous intersections in the City of Los Angeles. Moreover, the photo red light enforcement program will most likely be subsidized by the general fund since its issuance rate of citations is far below what is needed to be cost neutral.

In February 2006, the City of Los Angeles entered into a \$15.5 million contract with Nestor Traffic Solutions for photo red light enforcement equipment and services. Per the contract, the first nine intersections were to be installed within the first six months of the contract. It is unclear whether this threshold was achieved. The CAO reported and the contract stated that there would have to be an 80% issuance rate of citations in order for the program to be cost neutral. According to a recent report, Nestor is producing a 54% issuance rate even though the company claimed it could provide the City with a much higher rate.

In addition to the 80% issuance rate, the contract also states that for each percentage point by which the photos are not of an acceptable quality, the City shall be credited with one percent of the relevant fees. Furthermore, if less than 50% of the photos taken at each intersection are not of an acceptable quality, the City shall not be obligated to pay the monthly fee for that intersection. It needs to be determined whether any of the 13 newly installed intersections fall below the 50% threshold. It also needs to be determined whether the City is subsidizing costs due to a shortfall of issuance rates.

The Department of Transportation was directed to provide a quarterly update, including a construction schedule, to the Public Safety and Transportation Committees. However, the Department's last update was in August 2006. It is imperative that the City be briefed on this multi-million dollar project through quarterly reports in Public Safety and Transportation Committees.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles Police Department to report to the Public Safety and Transportation Committees within 15 days on the status of installing photo red light cameras and infrastructure in the City of Los Angeles including but not limited to the following:

- Construction schedule, including a list of all 32 intersections designated for photo red light enforcement.
- Project budget, including past, current and projected program expenditures.
- Issuance rate of all existing photo red light intersections.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council direct the City's Administrative Officer to evaluate the status of the contract and its financial impact on the City of Los Angeles.

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