

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 14, 2019

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Current SafeLight Program Status and Phaseout Plan**

## **Background:**

The City of Dallas implemented Safelight, an automated photographic red-light camera enforcement program, to reduce the high number of right-angle collisions and related injuries/fatalities due to people running red lights. The program was designed to improve public safety by modifying driver behavior through increased enforcement of red-light laws and improved public awareness.

The City of Dallas started the Safelight program in 2006 with a 10-year contract. In 2017, the City went into a new contract with Verra Mobility for 5 years with a 3-year option. The current contract is set to expire in 2022 and the program includes 29 intersections with 52 red-light cameras at intersection approaches. To gauge the effect of the SafeLight program, staff concluded that 20 of the 29 intersections (69%) show a reduction in all crash types. 23 of the 29 intersections (79%) show a reduction in right-angle crashes. 19 of the 29 intersections (66%) show a reduction in rear end crashes. 3 of the 29 intersections (10%) show an increase in the number of total crashes after intervention.

## **Program Revenue:**

For the fiscal year 2017 and 2018, the Safelight camera program generated \$5,799,580.07 of net revenues after all program related expenses were paid. The City paid \$2,899,790.03 (50%) of collected net revenues to State of Texas trauma centers. The remaining \$2,899,790.03 (50%) of the collected net revenues were kept by the City. For fiscal years 2018 and 2019, the program has generated \$6,490,000.00. 50% of the net revenue after expenses will be paid to the City and 50% will be paid to state trauma centers.

## **Program Phaseout Plan:**

On June 1, 2019, all red-light cameras were deactivated, and the State of Texas' legislation went into effect on June 2<sup>nd</sup> upon Governor Abbott's signature. Year to date, 11,482 citations that were issued before the end of the program on June 1, 2019 are pending review. Safelight Enforcement officers will finish reviewing and mailing all citations out by June 24, 2019. Adjudication will schedule hearings of all contested citations by July 29, 2019. The potential revenues vary from \$200,000 to \$800,000. Municipal Court appeal hearings for contested adjudication are to be complete by August 30, 2019. Processing and adjudication of all citations is to end by August 31, 2019.

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