



# Red Light Camera Program



Judicial Committee  
June 6, 2012



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- Contract with Redflex
  - \$4,870 per camera per month
  - City currently has 10 cameras which equals \$584,400 per year
    - Contract allows up to 15
  - Cameras can be moved; could be cost
  - Contract is to March 19, 2018
- First camera installed May 2008



# Fund Financial Overview

## Traffic Safety Fund Fiscal Years 2008 through 2011

	9/30/2008	9/30/2009	9/30/2010	9/30/2011*
Total amount penalties/fees paid	\$32,670.00	\$718,269.00	\$876,964.55	\$616,472.70
Allowable expenses				
- Costs of purchasing or leasing equip.	28,685.81	450,562.46	584,400.00	584,400.00
- Operating enforcement/admin. costs	23,800.73	50,328.44	126,256.02	67,111.92
- Expensed loss from previous year		19,816.54		
Less total allowable expenses	52,486.54	520,707.44	710,656.02	651,511.92
Net revenue of program	(19,816.54)*	197,561.56	166,308.53	(35,039.22)
Total amount paid/due the State (State shares net revenue but not loss)	n/a	X .50 \$98,780.78	X .50 \$83,154.27	n/a
Total amount retained by City		\$98,780.78	\$83,154.27	\$(35,039.22)
Net revenue for the city of program from start through FY2011 is \$146,895.83				

\*Note: FY2011 numbers have been adjusted slightly by audit



# Fund Financial Outlook

## Traffic Safety Fund Fiscal Year 2011-12

	YTD (May)	CYE
Total amount penalties/fees paid	\$413,821.08	\$554,855
Allowable expenses		
- Costs of purchasing or leasing equip.	389,600.00	584,400
- Operating enforcement/admin. costs	47,637.89	66,998
Less total allowable expenses	437,235.89	651,398
Net revenue of program	(23,414.81)	(96,543)
Total amount paid/due the State (State shares net revenue but not loss)	n/a	n/a
Total amount retained by City	n/a	n/a

Net revenue for the city of program from start through FY2012 CYE would be \$50,352.83



# Crashes

		<u>Pre Activation</u>				<u>Post Activation</u>		
City	Total # crashes*	Total # right angle crashes*	Total # rear- end crashes*	Total # fatalities	Total # crashes*	Total # right angle crashes*	Total # rear-end crashes*	Total # fatalities
Austin	229	159	50	1	57	37	5	1
Baytown	116	40	62	0	27	9	13	0
Bedford	3	1	0	0	2	2	0	0
Cleveland	24	3	14	0	14	3	8	0
Conroe	83	23	42	0	30	15	11	0
Diboll	3	1	1	0	6	0	6	0
Fort Worth	259	85	113	3	106	47	39	0
Frisco	51	11	30	0	13	0	10	0
Garland	32	10	7	0	27	8	11	0
Haltom City	16	6	8	0	8	4	4	0
Jersey City	230	179	48	0	87	67	18	0
League City	137	64	65	0	67	4	40	0
Mesquite	22	12	1	0	11	6	3	0
Port Lavaca	25	9	15	0	13	3	7	0
Richardson	74	12	35	1	31	3	13	0
Richland Hills	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
University Park	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0
Willis	10	2	7	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1318</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>5</b>	504	209	191	1
			Percentage Change		-61.76%	-66.14	-61.80%	-80%



# Crash Data Notes

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- Notes:
  - Data drawn from intersections with both before and after data
  - Pre-activation data accounts for 18 months prior to activation and post data is from 7/1/10 to 6/30/11
  - Other crashes are included in total crashes



# APD Photo Review

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- APD reviews photos to decide whether citations should be issued
  - Photo Review from May 23, 2008 - May 31, 2012:
    - Total camera pictures 94,121
    - From Redflex to APD 80,969 (86%)
    - APD approved violations 42,779 (53%\*)
- \*Percentage is from what was sent to APD not total camera pictures.



# Citations Issued

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- Cases filed annually
  - FY08 936
  - FY09 14,819
  - FY10 12,773
  - FY11 9,427
  - FY12 5,017\*
  - \* Thru May
  - TOTAL 42,972





# Payment Rate/Delinquent

- Payment/closure rate
  - Nationwide generally is 72%
  - Austin from inception through May is 79.3%
- Delinquent cases through May 2012

	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Value</u>
– FY 08	252	\$ 24,794.00
– FY09	2,774	\$270,839.50
– FY10	2,398	\$235,813.67
– FY11	1,988	\$195,404.19
– FY12	1,478	\$145,337.50
TOTAL	8,890	\$872,188.86



# Current Collection Tools

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- Delinquent notices
  - \$25 late fee
- “Last Chance” letter
  - 30 days before send to collection agency
- Special events
  - During warrant round up
  - Other mailings
- Collection agency



# Additional Collection Tool

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- State law allows withholding registration renewals on vehicles with delinquent red light camera cases
- City currently has contract with TxDMV for traffic warrant cases (scofflaw)



# Pros / Cons

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- Pro
  - Consequences for running light (deterrent)
  - Close cases
  - Revenue
- Con
  - Registered owner may not be violator
    - However, owner has right to name violator
  - More than one registered owner per vehicle
  - May not get vehicle registered
    - But then possible criminal citation is higher cost
  - Cost to city (up to \$0.36 each) but not violator at this time



## Implementation (if desired)

- Per Law Department, the contract is already in place with TxDMV to withhold vehicle registration renewal so City Council action is not required; however
  - Judicial Committee could authorize by vote and/or
  - Resolution may be prepared for full Council



# Current Status

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- APD preparing recommendation for CMO
  - Reviewing crashes and where criminal citations have been written
  - Will make recommendations
    - Possibly move low impact cameras
    - Possibly add 5 more cameras
- Once approved, Public Works will perform required studies to see if meet requirements



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- Questions