



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION #20230515-002

Date: May 15, 2023

Subject: Proposal of pilot program for  
Automated License Plate Readers

Motioned by: Commissioner Nelly Paulina Ramirez

Seconded by: Commissioner Timothy Ruttan

**Recommendation:** The Public Safety Commission recommends that the City Council

WHEREAS, The City of Austin is planning to approve Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) for use by the Austin Police Department;

WHEREAS, In an effort to ensure that the privacy and civil rights of the residents of Austin are protected, in September 2022, the Austin City Council passed Resolution #20220915-056 , providing APD with direction in how to use the ALPR technology and what protections needed to be put in place;

WHEREAS, On March 31, 2023, the Office of Police Oversight of the City of Austin provided a thorough memorandum outlining changes necessary to the Austin Police Department's proposed policy regarding the use of ALPR technology in order for the policy to be consistent with Resolution 56 and address the concerns of the Office of Police Oversight;

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's values include responsibility and accountability, diversity and inclusion, and ethics and integrity. We aspire to make Austin the most livable city in the nation. In order to be true to our vision and our values, the City of Austin should; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RECOMMENDED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN THAT:

- If the Austin City Council approves the proposed ALPR program, the Austin City Council require the Austin Police Department to revise and implement a policy regarding the use of ALPR technology that is perfectly consistent with both Austin City Council Resolution 56 and addresses all of the concerns raised by the Office of Police Oversight memo from March 31, 2023.

- The Austin Police Department share the report and/or results of the APD Risk Management Unit's quarterly audit of ALPR system data with the Public Safety Commission.

**Vote:**

For: Commissioners Rebecca Bernhardt, Cory Hall-Martin, David Holmes, John Kiracofe, Pierre Nguyen, Nelly Paulina Ramirez, and Timothy Ruttan

Against: n/a

Abstain: Lauren Peña

Absent: Kristy Orr

Attest: *[Staff or board member can sign]*

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