



# City and County of Denver

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1437 Bannock St.  
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## Summary

### Safety, Housing, Education, & Homelessness Committee

*Committee Members: López, Chair; Kashmann, Vice-Chair;  
Flynn; Gilmore; Kniech; New*

*Committee Staff: Debra Bartleson*

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Wednesday, August 31, 2016

10:30 AM

City & County Building, Room 391

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### Introductions

### Action Items

**16-0759** Approves an agreement with Xerox State & Local Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$6,417,923 with a contract term through 9-03-21 for the provision of services for both the Photo Red Light and Photo Radar programs (201627552-00).

Attachments: RR16 0759 DPD 201627552 Ordinance Request 22August2016  
16-0759\_DCPD Photo EnforcementLetter\_.pdf  
DCPD Photo EnforcementLetter\_City Council - CR16-0759.pdf

Ted Porros, Denver Police Dept, provided highlights of the Photo Speed Program (1998). Contract put into place to mirror the city's current practices. New technology can capture approximately 30 more vehicles at once. The new contract includes an enhanced public information campaign requirement. Fines are set by statute. It is required so an agent is always in the van during enforcement. There is a 10-mile difference in the speed zone for ticketing measures.

Stealth Study conducted in winter of 2016. The study found that when enforcement is removed the speeds increase, and when they are back, it does change speed behavior (see attachment). Since 2009, speed zones around schools have decreased significantly. Turning red light cameras on cities showed 21% fewer fatal red light running crashes per capita.

Photo red light can be moved to various sites throughout the city, stated Mr. Porros. Councilmember Gilmore asked how this effects the disabled community and how relying on equipment being in certain places for access, and she asked if there is statistics related to that need. Mr. Porros said the city only has four vans enforcing, and is only one tool the city uses to change behavior. Commander Phelan said they would look at top ten areas (most fatalities) and determine how to increase technology in those areas.

Councilmember Flynn requested that staff meet with him on his concerns on Lowell Blvd.

Mr. Porros clarified that red light enforcement requires signage (500 ft. from direction of enforcement). Eight percent of the revenue comes from Red Light enforcement, stated Ms. Wachter, Dept. of Safety. She explained that it would cost \$2,800 per month per camera/location if the program is expanded. Officer Chuck noted that police use doppler and laser.

Councilmember Clark re-enforced that Council needs to receive contracts and materials for Committee by deadline; it is unacceptable to provide late.

David Broadwell, City Attorney's Office, indicated there are massive restrictions involved in the statute to vendors and cities.

Public Works representative noted that the program encompasses representatives from multiple agencies to assure the goal of reducing fatal and serious traffic crashes. He explained that engineering measures to help with red-light running is also being utilized such as increasing signal displays, installing visors, and installing LEDs. Denver imposes 30 seconds for yellow light timing (known as the yellow light dilemma). The city looks to the NCHRP, Report 731, for guidelines for yellow light timing.

Mr. Porros reiterated Denver's Vision Zero commitment to reduce fatal crashes consistently annually. Fines from the programs go into the General Fund. City employees are available to answer questions and concerns about the citation process.

Councilmember Flynn asked that staff commit to following the recommendation to adjust the yellow time to speed. If he gets the commitment he would vote in favor.

Councilmember Kniech said in future to have prior data collected for comparative purposes. There is a manual for pedestrian yield and red light stop and the Councilwoman requested there be more communication to public about stopping.

Councilmember Gilmore requested that something should be captured for car racing at red light intersections. Mr. Porros said HALO cameras could be used at red light intersections for that purpose. Michael Fennocial, Public Works, said yellow and red lighting is tied, as yellow gets longer, the red light lessens.

**A motion offered by Brooks, duly seconded by Councilmember Kniech, that Resolution 16-0759 be approved for filing. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - López, Kashmann, Gilmore, Kniech, New, Brooks

**Nay:** 1 - Flynn

### **Consent Items**

**16-0753** Approves a grant agreement with the State of Colorado for \$2,369,600 concerning the Fiscal Year 2016 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program and funding, and to procure equipment utilizing these funds (MOOEM-201630082-00).

**Attachments:** RR16 0753 OEM FY 16 Ordinance\_Request form

**This Resolution 16-0753 was approved by consent.**

Rollcall

**Present:** 6 - López, Kashmann, Flynn, Gilmore, Kniech, New