



CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

City Council

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

AGENDA DATE: May 27, 2025
DEPARTMENT: Engineering Department
DIRECTOR or DESIGNEE: Tom Clabo

AGENDA SUMMARY

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Blue Line Solutions, LLC (BLS) to provide products and services to the City for school zone speed enforcement, traffic signal enforcement, and noise enforcement in order to promote traffic safety.

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED

All Districts

BACKGROUND

In 2021, City Council unanimously resolved to endorse a Vision Zero goal of eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries on Knoxville's streets. This safety program supports the City's work to target high injury areas in support of reducing the number of fatal and severe injury crashes on our roadways. By specifically applying this initiative to the areas where there are more crashes, and where there are a significant amount of pedestrians like school zones, we are taking a substantial step toward the goal of eliminating traffic fatalities on local streets by 2040.

- In September 2024, the City published a Request for Proposals for a turn-key solution for School Zone Speed Enforcement, Traffic Signal Enforcement and Noise Enforcement program.
- After evaluating proposals from 6 companies, Blue Line Solutions was chosen as the most qualified, responsive, and responsible firm to provide these services.
- The new contract with Blue Line Solutions will provide the following:
 - Up to 150 School Zone Speed Enforcement Cameras (46 total public schools are located within the City limits, many of which have multiple roadways within a single school zone)
 - Up to 30 Traffic Signal Enforcement Intersections (Locations will be chosen based on crash history and traffic studies)
 - 2 Noise Enforcement Cameras (as a follow-up to the previous pilot program downtown)

Vision Zero aligns with the City's focus on public safety, connectivity, and equitable mobility. This initiative supports shifting our priorities from moving vehicles quickly, to moving people safely, and taking a proactive approach to prevent serious crashes before they happen.

ESTIMATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

Base term will be for five years with an optional renewal for a two-year term.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

The City's initial Red Light Enforcement Cameras became operational on 04/24/2006. City Council approved Resolution R-455-2016 on 09/27/2016 to award the current contract for Red Light Camera Enforcement

FISCAL INFORMATION

The revenue-sharing agreement will provide the City with 52% of the revenue generated by the citations. The Contractor will be responsible for all costs associated with installation and maintenance of associated equipment and systems.

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