

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the current level of integration and compatibility between the Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control camera system (ATSAC) and the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) surveillance monitoring system.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE Motion (Englander – Buscaino – Garcetti – Zine) instructing the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), City Administrative Officer (CAO), LAPD, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to report relative to the current level of integration and compatibility between ATSAC and LAPD's surveillance monitoring system, and related matters.
2. DIRECT the LAPD and LADOT to report to the Public Safety and Transportation Committees in the first quarter of 2014 relative to the availability of grant funds to update ATSAC cameras for use by the LAPD, and converting cameras from analog to digital format.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On April 24, 2013, Council considered Motion (Englander – Buscaino – Garcetti – Zine) relative to the current level of integration and compatibility between ATSAC and LAPD's surveillance monitoring system. Motion states that advances in technology are helping LAPD fight crime and keep communities safe. LAPD's ability to capture and review video footage ranges from surveillance cameras in high-crime areas to automatic license plate recognition systems. Other City departments also use camera monitoring systems to fulfill their missions.

Motion goes on to discuss ATSAC, a computer-based traffic signal control system that monitors traffic conditions and system performance, selects appropriate signal timing strategies, and performs equipment diagnostics and alert functions. ATSAC also uses closed-circuit television equipment to monitor hundreds of intersections throughout the City. Motion movers believe that to enhance the benefits of the current technology possessed by the LAPD and LADOT, the City should explore integrating these two systems through a split-feed and adding digital video recording and storage capability. This will enable LAPD to access recorded video footage for gathering key evidence, identifying suspects and their vehicles, and many other important benefits. The level of compatibility and capability to integrate other software, such as LAPD's license plate recognition software, should also be considered in the analysis.

Motion recommends that the CLA, CAO, LAPD, and LADOT report on the integration and compatibility of the systems. Council referred Motion to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held November 22, 2013, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the LAPD and LADOT. The LADOT representative stated it will not be easy to integrate ATSAC, given its current level of technology and use of analog cameras, with LAPD's surveillance monitoring system. A good foundation for integration does exist, however. Additional study and funding is needed to evaluate the potential for such a project. ATSAC cameras do not record images. The LAPD representative stated that analog cameras are not compatible with the Department's license plate recognition system. Also, the positioning of the cameras is a concern. It will have to be determined

whether traffic light pole infrastructure can bear the weight of an additional camera and if sufficient power is available for any upgrades.

Committee members recommended that Council note and file Motion, and direct LAPD and LADOT to report relative to the integration of ATSAC and LAPD's surveillance system, and the availability of grant funds for system upgrades.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
BONIN:	YES
O'FARRELL	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

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