

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to integrating existing public camera networks into the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD) Real Time Crime Centers.

Recommendations for Council action pursuant to Motion (Park – Lee):

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to report on how Los Angeles' 18 other police divisions will be selected and prioritized for Real Time Centers following their implementation in Hollywood Division, Central Division and Van Nuys Division.
2. INSTRUCT the LAPD, in coordination with the Bureau of Street Lighting, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), and Department of General Services, to report on efforts to integrate existing public camera networks into LAPD's Real Time Crime Centers.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 9, 2024, your Committee considered a Motion (Park - Lee) relative to integrating existing public camera networks into the LAPD's Real Time Crime Centers. According to the Motion, in 2023, the City saw an increase in property crime and retail theft, including 123 flash mob robberies. In Council District 11, recent examples include 50 car burglaries that took place over just one weekend at the start of the year as well as numerous commercial burglaries across the Westside that have left local businesses devastated.

Making matters worse, historically low staffing levels have hindered the LAPD's ability to respond quickly and efficiently to crime. As a result, there is an acute need to explore new measures, like the use of technology, to mitigate these impacts and improve the department's response to crime. One such tool is the use of Real Time Crime Centers. Currently being utilized by more than 300 law enforcement agencies across the country, including cities like New York and Detroit. Real Time Crime Centers integrate and leverage existing video technology to prevent and interrupt crime as it happens. Examples of video technology include Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR), cameras found at private businesses and residences, as well as existing LADOT cameras installed at large intersections.

In Beverly Hills, which launched its Real Time Watch Center in 2022, automated license plate readers helped authorities capture an individual suspected of murdering three unhoused individuals and a Los Angeles County government employee in December

2023. Further, in each instance, cities have prioritized good governance and accountability to enable the effective use of this technology.

Although slow to adopt a similar program, at a December 12, 2023 Los Angeles Police Commission meeting, the LAPD shared that its goal is to launch a Real Time Crime Center in each of LAPD's 21 divisions with initial roll-out occurring in 2024 at Hollywood Division, Wilshire Division and Van Nuys Division. While other divisions like West Los Angeles saw larger increases in retail theft and crime, these locations were selected as result of community feedback and support, in consultation with the local council office. As Los Angeles prepares to accept \$15 million in state funding for the purchase of ALPRs and creation of an integrated technology platform (Council File No. 24-0018), it is important to understand what methodology will be utilized to implement Real Time Crime Centers at Los Angeles' other 18 police divisions, inclusive of data and community feedback. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

<b>COUNCILMEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
RODRIGUEZ:	ABSENT
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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