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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF AUTOMATED TRAFFIC PHOTO ENFORCEMENT (RED LIGHT CAMERA) PROGRAM TO THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

LOCATION/COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Sacramento Sheriff's Department and the City of Sacramento Police Department and Department of Public Works to allow the Sheriff's Department to administer an automated Traffic Photo Enforcement Program within the City limits.

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FOR COUNCIL SEESION OF: September 2, 2003

SUMMARY:

The City of Sacramento has been operating an automated Traffic Photo Enforcement Program known as the Red Light Camera Program since 1999. Currently the program consists of 10 cameras and 11 major intersections equipped to house cameras. The City's contract with the service provider is set to expire in September 2003. This program has shown a benefit in decreasing the number of red light violation related traffic collisions at major intersections. The City is working with the County to allow the County to operate the program within the entire County of Sacramento to gain both operational and financial efficiency. The County will have the ability to administer the program within its current staffing level and no additional personnel will be required. The City Police Department and Department of Public Works will continue to be responsible for identifying and recommending the need for additional camera locations.