

Field and the San Leandro High School Pool complex. Councilmember Souza expressed concern about entering into joint use agreements at this stage. Ms. Diaz agreed that joint use agreements now would be premature.

M/S/C Souza and Prola. Ayes: 7; Noes: 0

- 8.J. **ADOPT:** Resolution Appropriating Matching Funds Towards a 2011-12 Bicycle Transportation Account [BTA] Grant Project (appropriates \$55,600 matching funds to implement the bicycle network in support of the San Leandro Priority Development Areas by placing Class II bike lanes and Class III bike routes in selected locations in conformance with the City's recently adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and Design Guidelines).


City Manager Hollister clarified the scope of this item. Councilmember Cutter stated that she would like to see a map or have more information to better understand the concept. Engineering and Transportation Director Uche Udemezue indicated that he would provide a map to the Council.

1. **Resolution No. 2011-079**, Resolution Appropriating Matching Funds Towards a 2011-12 Bicycle Transportation Account [BTA] Grant Project (appropriates \$55,600 matching funds to implement the bicycle network in support of the San Leandro Priority Development Areas by placing Class II bike lanes and Class III bike routes in selected locations in conformance with the City's recently adopted Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and Design Guidelines).

M/S/C Cutter and Prola. Ayes: 7; Noes: 0

10. ACTION ITEMS

Public comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker per item, subject to adjustment by the Mayor. When you address the City Council, you should fill out a speaker card and submit it to the City Clerk, prior to the calling of the Action Item.

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- A. **ADOPT:** Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems for the Renewal of the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program (provides for renewal of contract through December 31, 2018 for 5 approaches).

Police Chief Sandra Spagnoli reviewed the changes that have been made to the proposed agreement based on the Council's discussion and direction at its April 4th meeting. The changes include capping the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase to 2%; a change in the suspension clause in the event of street construction, from 14 days to 7 days; a termination clause, which would allow the City to terminate the contract in the event of legislative changes which substantially impact the operations of the program; and temporary suspension of the contract in the event of an adverse ruling in Alameda County on a red light camera citation.

Staff and Redflex representatives responded to questions from the Council.

Councilmember Prola expressed his support for the proposed agreement, but indicated that he was not inclined to vote to approve any new cameras, due to their cost.

Councilmember Gregory expressed concern regarding the length of the contract term. He asked if the Council could receive an annual update on the red light camera program. Chief Spagnoli stated that staff could provide an annual report on the program.

Councilmember Souza expressed concern about the length of the contract term. She expressed support for the agreement, due to the improved traffic safety achieved through the use of the cameras.

Councilmember Cutter expressed concern regarding the length of the contract term.

Mayor Cassidy requested that Item 9 of Exhibit D, which requires continued payment if a camera is deactivated due to roadway construction, be deleted. Mr. Chuck Uhler, CEO of Redflex, agreed to this change.

Mayor Cassidy stated that he did not intend to vote for the agreement.

Public Comments on Item 10.A.:

Mike Katz, San Leandro resident, addressed the City Council, commenting that red light cameras are not installed at most dangerous intersections in San Leandro. Mr. Katz suggested that lengthening the yellow light timing would be more effective than red light cameras at reducing collisions. Mr. Katz commented on cities that have chosen not to renew their red light camera contracts.

Fran Leidy, San Leandro resident, addressed the City Council, commenting that red light cameras are not the panacea they were made out to be. She requested that Council not renew the Redflex agreement.

Tim Holmes, San Leandro resident, addressed the City Council, commenting on the need to consider other options for traffic safety. Mr. Holmes urged the Council not to approve the contract until a fully informed decision can be made.

Lou Filipovich, San Leandro resident, addressed the City Council, commenting that red light cameras do not benefit San Leandro, and the money could be better spent by hiring a police officer.

End of Public Comments on Item 10.A.

Vice Mayor Reed expressed concerns regarding safety, the length of the contract term, and the cost; however, she indicated that she is leaning toward approval of the agreement.

Councilmember Prola stated that he does not support the agreement without the CPI cap. He commented that he believed the red light camera program would result in a safer city, and expressed support for the agreement.

Councilmember Cutter stated that she did not support the agreement, due to the length of the contract term. She expressed concern regarding the cost of the program.

Councilmember Starosciak acknowledged staff for negotiating the increased contract term in order to reduce the City's cost, and to cap the CPI increase. She commented that she believed the cameras have been a deterrent to "near misses" at the Washington/Lewelling intersection, which is a dangerous intersection. Councilmember Starosciak expressed support for the agreement.

Councilmember Gregory stated that he did not support the agreement.

Mayor Cassidy commented that he did not have sufficient data to ascertain the safety findings; he was concerned that this agreement was not competitively bid; and he believed the fine for a red light ticket is too high.

1. **Resolution No. 2011-080**, Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Redflex Traffic Systems for the Renewal of the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program (provides for renewal of contract through December 31, 2018 for 5 approaches). **Adopted with amendment to agreement, deleting Item 9 of Exhibit D related to continued payment if a camera is deactivated due to roadway construction.**

M/S/C Prola and Starosciak. Ayes: 4; Noes: 3 (Cassidy, Cutter, and Gregory)

- B. Report on Closed Session Actions Taken.

None.

11. CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

City Councilmembers announce calendar of upcoming events and coordinate attendance.

Councilmember Souza announced April Showers on April 30.

Councilmember Prola announced the Oakland Airport Noise Management Forum at the Jack London Aquatic Center Building on April 20; fundraiser for Building Futures with Women and Children on May 12; and the awards celebration for the Alameda County Central Labor Council on May 20.

Vice Mayor Reed announced the Sustainable Business Practice meeting hosted by the