



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-0935, **Agenda Item #:** 67.

6/5/2025

Posting Language

Approve a resolution to continue the Automated License Plate Reader program that implements safeguards, policies, and procedures related to the Austin Police Department's use of the technology designed to read and collect data from a vehicle's license plate. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

September 15, 2022 - Council approved Resolution No. 20220915-056 implementing the license plate reader program.

June 8, 2023 - Council approved Resolution No. 20230608-085 to revise the policy for data retention related to automated license plate readers and extend the timeline of the pilot program.

March 27, 2025 - Council approved Resolution No. 20250327-103 to extend the timeline of the pilot program.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology is used as an investigative and real time crime tool that improves the effectiveness of police operations by locating violent offenders quickly and identifying missing persons. City Council directed the development of a revised ALPR policy and guidance on that policy to ensure the privacy and civil rights of the residents of Austin are protected. This action will approve a resolution to allow for the ongoing implementation of ALPR programming. The City Auditor presented its final pilot analysis report to the Audit and Finance Committee on May 19, 2025, and is issuing a supplemental memorandum no later than May 30, 2025. The pilot performance period end date is June 21, 2025.