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Council File No.

June 13, 2014

To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 14-0422, at its meeting held June 11, 2014.



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a contract with Siemens Industry, Inc., for the emergency repair and replacement of Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control (ATSAC) traffic cameras and changeable message signs.

Recommendation for Council action:

CONCUR with the recommendations of the Transportation Committee approving a contract with Siemens Industry, Inc., for the emergency repair and replacement of ATSAC traffic cameras and changeable message signs.

Fiscal Impact Statement: LADOT reports that sufficient funding exists in Fund 540 (Prop C), Department 94, Appropriation Account 94J634 "ATSAC Systems Maintenance" for this work to be completed.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated April 4, 2014 (attached to the Council file), LADOT requests authority to execute a sole source contract with Siemens Industry, Inc. for the emergency repair and replacement of ATSAC traffic cameras and changeable message signs. According to the Department, the ATSAC system is used on a daily basis to monitor and manage traffic throughout the City. During special events and emergencies, the ATSAC system is part of the Department Operation Center and works with the Emergency Management Department and field command posts to coordinate and manage all response activities. Integral to this function is the use of the traffic camera system to assess field conditions and deploy resources in an emergency. Additionally, traffic cameras are used by other departments to coordinate incident response. Changeable message signs are used to inform the public of closures, detours, incidents and emergency information, such as Amber Alerts. It is essential that the key components of the ATSAC system be fully operational at all time.

LADOT reports that due to age, damage, and the lack of staffing and equipment needed to provide adequate maintenance, many of the ATSAC traffic cameras and changeable message signs are no longer working. The current high failure rate of both cameras and changeable message signs puts the entire ATSAC and emergency response system at risk. Without operating changeable message signs, the public is not informed of important road conditions and street closures. Furthermore, the gradual deterioration of existing ATSAC infrastructure now threatens the future ability to integrate with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation's upcoming regional rail projects.

LADOT goes on to report that the need to replace and rehabilitate the City's 500 closed-circuit ATSAC traffic cameras, changeable message signs, and on-call fiber optic system is an emergency and these actions are an urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health or property, pursuant to City Charter Section 371(E) and it is more economical to use a contractor. The repair and replacement of broken or damaged traffic cameras and changeable message signs is beyond the City's current ability because the work requires specialized equipment in the form of at least one large tower truck, as well as a sufficient number of experienced in-house engineers and signal electricians. To date, there are only eight remaining LADOT signal

electricians in the ATSAC Field Support Group that has only one remaining veteran. In the interest of public safety, and for the benefit of all of the traveling public, LADOT believes it is essential that the traffic camera system and changeable message signs be restored to full operation by replacing damaged or broken equipment and making other repairs as necessary. Because the necessary city staff and resources do not exist and cannot be obtained in a timely manner, repairs to the traffic camera system must be done by contract.

On April 23, 2014, the Transportation Committee approved LADOT's request. On April 30, 2014, Council referred this matter to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

At its meeting May 23, 2014, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. LADOT representatives indicated that the age of ATSAC cameras is the primary cause of their malfunctioning. New ATSAC cameras use current technology and conform with Los Angeles Police Department public safety monitoring camera system standards. The Committee approved the proposed contract and concurred with the action taken by the Transportation Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



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

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**ADOPTED**  
JUN 11 2014  
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL  
**FORTHWITH**

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