



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Agenda Date	DECEMBER 9, 2025
Requested Action	APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R90; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AND MANAGE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR FLOCK AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS LOCATED WITHIN STATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF BOERNE.
Contact Person	STEVE M. PEREZ, CHIEF OF POLICE
Background Information	<p>The City of Boerne has installed public safety cameras, also known as surveillance cameras, at several locations throughout the city. These cameras are installed for the purpose of enhancing public safety and security. The cameras are not used for issuing traffic violations of any kind, but only to monitor activity in areas around the city. The installation of the public safety cameras also takes a lot of collaboration and time between the IT, Police, and Electric departments.</p> <p>The primary purpose of public safety cameras is to deter criminal activity by creating a visible presence of law enforcement and providing evidence in case of crimes. The cameras are also used to monitor traffic and respond to emergencies and have proven to be helpful to the Boerne Police Department and for engineering and mobility studies.</p> <p>In 2023, the City Council approved the expansion to the public safety camera system by adding automated license plate reader software (Flock OS) and cameras (Falcon LPR) to the current public safety camera system, by adding Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras and software, which has proven to provide several benefits to the city.</p> <p>ALPR systems automate the process of reading license plates, reducing the need for manual checks and allowing law enforcement agencies to process more information in less time. This can free up officers to focus on other tasks and improve overall efficiency.</p> <p>ALPR systems provide real-time alerts to law enforcement agencies when a vehicle of interest is identified, allowing officers to respond quickly and effectively to potential threats or criminal activity.</p>

	<p>ALPR systems enhance public safety, helping law enforcement agencies to identify and locate stolen vehicles, wanted suspects, and vehicles associated with criminal activity. It will also assist in identifying vehicles that are involved in Amber Alerts or other emergency situations.</p> <p>ALPR systems can be used to identify and track the movements of vehicles involved in criminal activity, helping law enforcement agencies to prevent and solve crimes. This includes everything from vehicle theft to drug trafficking and can significantly improve the effectiveness of investigations.</p> <p>ALPR systems can help city officials to better understand traffic patterns, travel times, and other transportation-related data. This can inform city planning and infrastructure investments, leading to improved transportation systems and a better quality of life for residents.</p> <p>The Boerne Police Department has guidelines in place to ensure public safety cameras do not infringe on citizens' rights. ALPR does not include facial recognition capabilities and does not capture personally identifiable information (PII). ALPR cameras capture objective images of vehicles and license plates, providing a clear, actionable investigative lead.</p> <p>Flock Safety presented Police and IT Staff with a desirable approach and began deploying ALPR cameras throughout the community in 2023-2024. The Flock program is an all-inclusive model for deploying ALPR cameras.</p> <p>Flock Safety is the sole manufacturer and developer of the Flock Safety Camera. Flock Safety is also the sole provider of comprehensive monitoring, processing, and machine vision services, which integrate with the Flock Safety Camera. There are several other differences between Flock and other ALPR companies. Most manufacturers are the only manufacturers and service providers that lease ALPR services. Others require the city to purchase equipment. The technology is also different because it captures motion and not just license plates.</p> <p>Flock Safety provided an affordable, infrastructure-free automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) camera system for cities seeking to reduce crime within a principled framework. Unlike traditional ALPR, Flock uses Vehicle Fingerprint™ technology to transform hours of footage into a searchable database to find the single piece of evidence needed, even when a license plate isn't visible.</p> <p>Flock Safety installed and continues to maintain these cameras on city</p>
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	<p>roads and state highways. The cameras can be installed almost anywhere, powered by solar and connected to LTE, freeing up time for several departments that currently install and maintain the cameras.</p> <p>Since several of the cameras we have are on state rights-of-way, we are required to enter a multiple-use agreement (MUA) with TXDOT. The MUA clarifies that LPRs will be used for legitimate law enforcement and criminal justice purposes only. All responsibilities fall under the Boerne Police Department to include data usage, sharing, storage, and maintenance of equipment.</p> <p><u>Stats and other information from our Flock System:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The city currently has 31 total cameras up and running (12 Fixed LPRs, 19 on Flock OS on current city cameras) • We have up to 31 more that we can attach to the current city system once cameras are replaced. • We currently have three HOAs that share their cameras with us within the city limits (Herff Ranch, Regent Park, and Menger Springs) • We have also received 1,119 hits in the last 30 days: 991 Hotlist Alerts (Primarily Narcotics), 4 Warrants, 35 Violent Person/Gang Members, 43 Protection Orders, 24 Sex Offenders, 12 Stolen Plates, 6 Stolen Vehicles, 4 Missing Persons, and 23 Warrants. (Some of these are duplicates as the car passes by multiple cameras or multiple days.) • In the last 30 days, our system has logged 2,215,943 plate reads. That being 360,238 unique plates (no duplicates). This is from our 31 cameras alone. • We currently have access to a network of cameras in different areas of the state and country, totaling 10,856 cameras in 519 different Shared Networks. This number is growing regularly.
Strategic Alignment	<p>Safety & Security</p> <p>B1- Utilizing data to drive smart decision making</p>
Financial Considerations	<p>\$45,000 annual costs, cameras and software maintenance</p>

Citizen Input/Board Review	N/A
Legal Review	TOASE has completed the review of the ALPR services agreement with Flock Safety
Alternative Options	
Supporting Documents	Resolution No. 2025-R90 TXDOT MUA Supplemental Agreement TXDOT Certificate of Insurance Camera Locations