

RESOLUTION NO. 820 -2017, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Suffolk County established a traffic control signal monitoring system demonstration program, commonly referred to as the Red Light Camera Program, in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Red Light Camera Program has increased driver awareness of traffic signals, improved traffic signal compliance, and reduced the number of severe accidents caused by red light running; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Red Light Camera Program, the County Traffic and Parking Violations Agency ("TPVA") prepares an annual report on the program's operation, including information on the intersections monitored and accident rates at those intersections; and

WHEREAS, the most recent annual report issued by TPVA in December, 2016 showed an increase in accidents at some of the monitored intersections; and

WHEREAS, increased accidents at monitored intersections is an issue of serious concern that warrants further consideration and review; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works should conduct a review of the Red Light Camera Program using an independent third party contractor to determine the cause of the increase in accidents at various intersections since the program's inception and determine if any specific intersections should be removed from the program; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works ("the Department") is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to engage an independent third party consultant to review the intersections identified in the Red Light Camera Safety Program since the program's inception and to determine the causes of the increase in accidents at certain intersections, evaluate the efficacy of the cameras and to recommend whether the cameras should be retained at the intersections where accidents have increased; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the review shall include a consideration of the program's benefits and drawbacks to public safety given the number, type and severity of accidents occurring at a given intersection, including all accidents involving pedestrians and bicyclists, and the circumstances surrounding accidents; and be it further

3rd RESOLVED, that the study shall be completed and report drafted and submitted to the Legislature within 180 days of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

4th RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency

administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: October 3, 2017

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: October 17, 2017

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

**RESOLUTION NO. 394 -2018, AMENDING
RESOLUTION NO. 820-2017, DIRECTING THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT A
REVIEW OF THE RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 820-2017 directed the Department of Public Works to conduct a review of the Red Light Camera Program; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 820-2017 directed that a study be completed and a report drafted and submitted to the Legislature within 180 days of the effective date of the resolution; and

WHEREAS, since the effective date of Resolution No. 820-2017, the Department has produced and advertised a Request for Proposals, has reviewed those proposals and has selected an engineering firm to conduct the study; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for issuing a report should be extended to provide the Department and the selected firm the time necessary to complete the review of the program; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the 3rd RESOLVED clause of Resolution No. 820-2017, is hereby amended as follows:

3rd RESOLVED, that the study shall be completed and report drafted and submitted to the Legislature within ~~[180 days]~~ fifteen (15) months of the effective date of this resolution; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

[] Brackets denote deletion of language.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language.

DATED: May 15, 2018

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 21, 2018