



Executive Director's
Report to the
Board of Harbor Commissioners

DATE: JULY 5, 2022

FROM: PORT POLICE

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT AND THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION SHARING BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS REGARDING THE AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM

SUMMARY:

Staff requests Board of Harbor Commission (Board) approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to clearly define each party's roles concerning the use of information captured by the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras located within the overlapping jurisdiction. The sharing of ALPR data furthers collaboration between the Los Angeles Port Police (Port Police) and the LAPD in enabling broader search coverage across jurisdictional lines.

The intent of the MOA is to memorialize the understanding between the Harbor Department and the LAPD regarding the terms of this agreement, along with each party's specific roles. The term of the proposed MOA shall commence upon execution by all parties and continue for three years. Approval of the proposed MOA will not result in additional expenses being incurred by the Harbor Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners (Board):

1. Find that the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines;
2. Approve the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between the Harbor Department and the Los Angeles Police Department;
3. Authorize the Executive Director to execute and the Board Secretary to attest to the Memorandum of Agreement for and on behalf of the Board; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. ____.

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. _____ - MOA WITH LAPD REGARDING ALPR DATA SHARING INFORMATION

DISCUSSION:

Background/Context – As the primary law enforcement agency for the Port of Los Angeles (Port) responsible for the land and waterside safety and security in the Los Angeles Harbor District, Port Police utilizes a mobile ALPR system from VIGILANT that consists of mobile intelligent capture devices in two patrol vehicles and a mobile trailer. The system collects license plate information, queries it in real time against a known database of active stolen vehicles, wanted vehicles, and outstanding criminal warrants associated with a vehicle license plate. Police Officers and Dispatch are then alerted of any positive hits.

The system is installed within the area of the responsibility of the LAPD Harbor Division. This system will be an essential component of LAPD's security and public safety mission and will enhance law enforcement capabilities in the Harbor area for both agencies.

Port Police has mobile and fixed ALPR systems (in-car and mobile trailer, software and storage) from VIGILANT. VIGILANT also hosts a database in a Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) compliant cloud environment that dynamically contains known stolen vehicles, license plates associated with criminal warrants and local wants that is updated several times per day. The Port Police has a provisioned section of the VIGILANT database for collecting, querying, and storing license plate data. This database can also be used for the fixed cameras solution and to share that ALPR data with our neighboring law enforcement agencies (Long Beach Police Department, Torrance Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the LAPD who all use VIGILANT with appropriate memorandums of agreement.

This inter-department MOA establishes the terms of the agreement, along with each party's specific roles. Under this MOA, the Harbor Department will share information collected by the ALPR system with LAPD in order to achieve their Department mission.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed action is the approval of an MOA between the Harbor Department and LAPD to clearly define each party's roles concerning the use of information captured by the Automated License Plate Reader cameras located within the overlapping jurisdiction, which is an administrative activity. Therefore, the Director of Environmental Management has determined that the proposed action is administratively exempt from the requirements of CEQA in accordance with Article II Section 2(f) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The authorization of this MOA will have no financial impact, as the proposed MOA is administrative in nature, establishing the terms and conditions allowing the ability to share information between Port Police and LAPD in regards to data collected by the Vigilant ALPR system.

CITY ATTORNEY:

The Office of the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed Memorandum of Agreement as to form and legality.

TRANSMITTALS:

- 1. LAPD ALPR MOA

FIS Approval: MB
 CA Approval: SO


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