



Committee on Information Technology

Office of the City Administrator

To: Members of the Board of Supervisors

From: Carmen Chu, City Administrator

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Date: October 26, 2023

Subject: Legislation introduced to approve Surveillance Technology Policy Amendments for the Police Department's Automated License Plate Reader ("ALPR") Technology

In compliance with Section 19B of the City and County of San Francisco's Administrative Code, the City Administrator's Office is pleased to submit the Surveillance Technology Policy Amendments for the Police Department's Automated License Plate Reader ("ALPR") Technology. To engage the public in discussion on the role of government surveillance, the Committee on Information Technology (COIT) and its subcommittee the Privacy and Surveillance Advisory Board (PSAB) held 2 public meetings for Automated License Plate Reader ("ALPR") Amendments between August and September 2023 to review and approve the policy. All details of these discussions are available at sf.gov/coit.

The following page provides greater detail on the review process for the Surveillance Technology Policy, and COIT's recommended course of action.

If you have questions on the review process please direct them to Jillian Johnson, Director of the Committee on Information Technology (COIT).

Automated License Plate Reader Amendments

Department	Authorized Uses
Police Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Locate stolen, wanted, and or other vehicles that are the subject of investigation 2. To apprehend wanted persons subject to arrest warrants or who are otherwise lawfully sought by law enforcement. 3. To locate victims, witnesses, suspects, missing children, adults, and/or elderly individuals, including in response to Amber Alerts and Silver Alerts and others associated with a law enforcement investigation. 4. To assist with criminal investigations initiated by local, state and regional public safety departments by identifying vehicles associated with targets of criminal investigations. 5. Counter-terrorism: Identify potential threats to critical infrastructure sites. 6. For other law enforcement purposes as authorized by law: Investigations of major crime

Automated License Plate Reader (“ALPR”) Amendments Public Meeting Dates

Date	Meeting
August 24, 2023	Privacy and Surveillance Advisory Board (PSAB)
September 21, 2023	Committee on Information Technology (COIT)

COIT recommends the following action be taken on the policy:

- Approve the Surveillance Technology Policy Amendments for the Police Department’s Automated License Plate Reader (“ALPR”) Technology