



Audit and Finance Committee

Date: February 6, 2009
To: Audit and Finance Committee
Through: Jack Friedline, Deputy City Manager
From: Daniel K. Cleavenger, Transportation Department Director
Subject: Fee Change for Speed Hump Counts
Citywide

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to recommend a change to the Schedule of Fees and Charges for traffic counts related to the speed hump program.

Staff recommends reducing the fee from \$105 per count location to \$58 per count location.

Background

Traffic counting services are contracted services. In 2004, when the current fee of \$105 per count location was established, the cost charged for a 48-hour bi-directional speed count was \$105.

Discussion

The current contracted fee for a 48-hour bi-directional speed count is \$111 per count location. A 48-hour non-directional speed count is \$58 per count location.

There is little advantage to collecting speed data for each direction separately because the data is combined during post-processing to determine the speeds of all vehicles.

Alternatives

ORDER NON-DIRECTIONAL SPEED COUNTS BUT DO NOT CHANGE THE FEE
The intention at the time this fee was established was for the speed hump program to be revenue neutral. If the \$105 fee per count location is retained, and non-directional counts are ordered at a current cost of \$58 per location, there would be a gain in net revenues, albeit a small one. In FY07/08, \$315 in count fees were collected for this program and \$105 in the current fiscal year to date.

STATUS QUO – CONTINUE TO ORDER BI-DIRECTIONAL SPEED COUNTS AND DO NOT CHANGE THE FEE

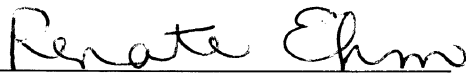
As of July 1, 2008, the contracted fee for a 48-hour bi-directional count increased to \$111 per count location. If the \$105 fee is retained, and bi-directional counts are ordered, there would be a loss in net revenues, albeit a small one as the City would need to pay the \$6 difference in the contracted cost. This alternative is not recommended.

Fiscal Impact

Staff estimates that the number of traffic counts will increase to approximately 20 per year as a result of recent changes to the speed hump policy. The recommendation is revenue neutral while the alternatives would generate either a small net gain (\$940) or net loss (\$120) respectively.

Coordinated With

No other departments are affected by this recommendation.



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TRANSPORTATION
Proposed Changes to Fees and Charges

Document of Change: Resolution

Fee Recommendation BAR No.:

Description of Services:	Current Fee/Charge	Proposed Fee/Charge	Date Last Revised	09/10 Fiscal Impact	10/11 Fiscal Impact
Speed Hump Program Fees Traffic count per location	\$105.00	\$58.00	07/01/06	*	*
* In the current fiscal year, to date, we have collected \$105 in fees. In FY07/08, we collected \$315 in fees.					