



To: Bay Area UASI Advisory Group
From: David Frazer, UASI Risk & Information Sharing Project Manager
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Re: FY14 Bay Area Regional ALPR Project

Background:

The Central Marin Police Authority (CMPA) submitted a FY14 Regional project proposal to fund the installation of (3) ALPR cameras on a light pole in the center median of E. Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Larkspur. The amount requested was \$132,493.96. The project was vetted by the ALPR Focus Group as part of their proposed Regional ALPR Strategic Plan due in part to the “shovel readiness” of the project and the high volume vehicle corridor adjacent to Hwy 101. Many people travel this corridor to and from Marin, Contra Costa, San Francisco counties. The light pole and power is owned and maintained by the City of Larkspur. The data would feed directly to NCRIC to allow for regional data sharing.

During the February Advisory Group FY14 Regional Project vetting session, a Regional ALPR strategy was supported, however the majority felt the CPMA project was not optimal due to the location. The Advisory Group recommended the full project amount be allocated and assigned to the UASI Management Team to fund a Regional ALPR project.

I met with CMPA Chief Todd Cusimano to provide a report on the status of his agency’s project request. During our conversation, it became apparent that the Chief and his staff had completed a lot of preparatory work prior to submitting the project proposal, including adopting the NCRIC data sharing policy, and gaining buy-in from the City Manager and City Council. These efforts were not clearly stated during the Advisory Group Regional Project vetting session.

The ALPR Focus Group convened a conference call in April to discuss the Regional ALPR Strategic Plan, NCRIC Data Sharing MOU, and the political sensitivity surrounding the use of Caltrans easements to hang cameras along with finding power sources. The group revisited the CPMA project and agreed that several key points were not made available to the Advisory Group during the February vetting session.

Recommendation:

The ALPR Focus Group is again making a recommendation that the Advisory Group consider allowing the UASI Management Team to direct the allocated FY14 funding to proceed with the CPMA ALPR project as the first step in building our Regional ALPR network.

Chief Todd Cusimano will be present at the meeting to make a brief presentation to help justify and underscore the regional importance of the project.