



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
May 26, 2020

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Submitted by: Phillip L. Harrington, Director, Department of Public Works
Subject: Contract No. 9977A Amendment: Portable Computer Systems dba PCS Mobile to Restore Remaining Contract Budget

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 9977A with Portable Computer Systems dba PCS Mobile to replenish the contract budget, increasing the contract amount by \$175,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,825,000.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Funding of \$175,000 is available in the FY 2020 Budget in the goBerkeley/Federal Highway Administration restricted portion of the Parking Meter Fund (631-54-622-665-0000-000-472-612990- PWTRPK1401).

Current Contract Amount	\$1,650,000
Amended Contract Amount	\$ 175,000
Total NTE	\$1,825,000

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City currently uses Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) systems for parking enforcement purposes, with the license plate reading capabilities used to conduct time limit enforcement and verify permits in Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) areas. The contract with PCS Mobile was last amended in December 2017 via Resolution 68,085-N.S.¹ The contract amendment budget included funding for the purchase of fifteen (15) additional ALPR systems, bringing the City’s total to twenty (20) systems installed on existing parking enforcement vehicles, as well as yearly costs associated with daily operations, including preventative maintenance, support services, and cellular network connectivity fees through June 30, 2022.

On May 14, 2019 via Resolution No. 68,877-N.S., Council authorized the purchase of fifteen (15) new Westward Industries “GO-4” parking enforcement vehicles.² These new vehicles replaced older GO-4s that were already outfitted with ALPR systems. Bringing the new vehicles into service necessitated removing ALPR systems from the old

¹ July 11, 2017 *City Council Agenda*: <https://bit.ly/2UoF5c9>

² May 14, 2019 *City Council Agenda*: <https://bit.ly/2xYdkiz>

vehicles and reinstalling them onto the new GO-4s, incurring costs beyond what was originally budgeted. The ALPR equipment removal and reinstall effort cost approximately \$115,000. In addition, as part of this effort, the City also purchased an additional two ALPR systems to outfit all parking enforcement patrol staff at a cost of \$60,000.

Transitioning to new vehicles and upgrading equipment exhausted the existing contract budget, leaving insufficient funds for critical maintenance and support services for all of the City's ALPR systems. These costs are typically assessed on a yearly basis, and are currently due for the coming year. This amendment is necessary to keep operations running smoothly by replenishing the contract budget.

This contract amendment will also reflect changes in City contractual requirements, as well as new privacy laws passed since the 2017 amendment. The amended contract includes the City's new Sanctuary City Compliance Certification and a Privacy Security and Resiliency Appendix.

BACKGROUND

Effective management of Berkeley's public parking resources improves access to local businesses, and reduces traffic congestion and safety hazards caused by drivers as they search for parking. In particular, ALPR technology enables Parking Enforcement Officers (PEOs) to cover more ground faster, allowing for more efficient patrols. In addition, ALPR is now the foundation of the City's digital parking permit management system: license plates now function as annual permits, allowing faster yearly renewals and eliminating the need for the City to purchase and distribute physical bumper decals.

On January 27, 2015, Council authorized Contract No. 9977 with PCS Mobile to install and maintain five Genetec ALPR systems as part of the goBerkeley parking management pilot program.³

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Effective parking enforcement increases compliance with parking rates and time limits, which are used to improve parking availability. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions produced by vehicular traffic is one of the City's 2009 Climate Action Plan goals.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

ALPR is integral to current parking enforcement operations and residential permit management. In addition, Parking Enforcement Officers (PEOs) find the technology easy to use and effective at increasing enforcement capacity. This in turn increases compliance with existing parking management regulations, and reinforces Council-supported programs.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

³January 27, 2015 *Contract: PCS Mobile for Equipment Vendor in Automated Data Collection and Enforcement System (goBerkeley)* <http://bit.ly/2ncJhdP>

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Attachment:
1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT NO. 9977A AMENDMENT: PORTABLE COMPUTER SYSTEMS DBA
PCS MOBILE TO RESTORE REMAINING CONTRACT BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley currently uses Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems to conduct parking enforcement operations; and

WHEREAS, the City purchased fifteen new "GO-4" parking enforcement vehicles in late 2019, replacing fifteen older vehicles that had already been outfitted with ALPR systems; and

WHEREAS, to keep parking enforcement operations running, the removal and reinstallation of the ALPR systems onto the new vehicles was completed using budget remaining on the contract, leaving insufficient funds for yearly maintenance fees for the duration of the contract term; and

WHEREAS, the contract amendment will include the City's new Sanctuary City Compliance Certification and a Privacy Security and Resiliency Appendix; and

WHEREAS, funding of \$175,000 for this contract amendment is available in the FY 2020 goBerkeley/Federal Highway Administration restricted portion of the Parking Meter Fund (Fund 631).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to execute an amendment to Contract No. 9977A with PCS Mobile, increasing the contract not to exceed amount to \$1,875,000.