**ST Meeting #57 – 01/09/2024**

**Participants:**  
Nico Diaz   
Jason Scharf  
Jason Thomas  
Johannes Himmelreich  
Michelle Sczpanski  
Jennifer Tifft  
Val Didamo   
Mark King  
Bradford Morse  
1st Deputy Chief Shoff  
Dr. Martha Grabowski  
Daniel Schwarz  
  
**Absent**  
Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens  
Ocesa Keaton  
Chief Tim Gleeson  
  
  
**Agenda/Notes:**

* Automated Speed & Redlight Enforcement Technologies
  + Looked over some of the comments in the public comment period
  + Michelle had a question about if we should have people provide their names to help reduce sarcastic comments.
  + Johannes stated that some of the concerns raised are good, but that they were not many concerns regarding surveillance.
    - Mentioned some policy concerns.
  + Dr. Grabowki mentioned that there were some questions about data storage, and who has access to this.
  + Jason S. mentioned the questions regarding if people “roll through” the stop-sign will they get a ticket, and also some of the concerns raised regarding school zone speed limits only being applicable when school is in session.
  + Mark raised a concern about how some people who receive tickets, may not be comfortable reaching out if they received a ticket, or have language barriers.
  + Chief Shoff stated that he hopes that the software is aware of when school is in session.
    - He also stated that there would be an appeal process for this.
    - As far as ticketing rolling stops, he stated that these will just before Red-Lights at Schools, not stop signs, stating that the only stop-signs are the ones on the buses, and that people can’t make a rolling stop at a bus-arm camera.
  + Bradford asked if there is going to be any signs about what people’s speeds are when these cameras are up.
    - Chief Shoff stated that he was not sure but stated that the city does need to post that a speed zone camera is up ahead.
  + Bradford stated: Likely as this technology has been in existence for years (5+) there is a sensitivity knob that the pilot should determine to maximize safety and not be a nuisance
  + Mark shared: <https://cnycentral.com/news/i-team/lessons-from-rochester-and-a-moms-plea-a-look-at-proposed-red-light-cameras-in-syracuse>
  + Bradford asked: isn't Rochester where they didn't focus on schools but had been installed randomly
  + Jason T. stated: Last time we discussed putting signs along school bus routes, right?   
    As a way to inform drivers that the buses on the route have the cameras installed.
  + Chief Shoff stated that these penalties would be only a civil penalty
  + Jason S. asked about if an injury occurs, then this would be a criminal matter.
  + Nico reviewed next steps and asked if there were areas that folks would like additional information on.
  + Johannes asked about how often the software provides false positives to determine how many times someone is ticketed incorrectly.
    - Nico stated that this is difficult to determine when multiple companies are being considered, but one has not been selected yet.
  + Bradford stated: That there is probably standards for this technology about how often false positive occur.
    - Mark stated: Perhaps prioritizing quality and accuracy before choosing a vendor could be one of our recommendations
* Coming Up
* Questions

**Previous Action Items:**

* Create a Google Document with Information about Drone Technologies and potential questions that we will have for the Police Department and send to the group - [@Scharf, Jason](mailto:jscharf@syr.gov)
* Jason S. was requested to reach out to Comms (Brooke & Ruthnie) regarding a press release about Citywide Audit

**New Action Items:**

* None this week