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Establish Special Revenue Fund 2040 (SB 720 Red Light Camera Fund)

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** establishing the SB 720 Red Light Camera Fund (Fund 2040) as a new Special Revenue Fund account for the revenue generated through the SB 720 Red Light Camera program and associated expenses.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Resolution

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Public Works Department will lead the implementation of 2025 Senate Bill 720 (SB 720) which establishes an automated traffic enforcement system (red light cameras). SB 720 changes the automated red light violations from a criminal violation to a civil penalty; reduces the penalty fines; and enacts privacy protections. This initiative is part of the City's Vision Zero program and will involve collaboration with the Public Works Mobility and Sustainability, Transportation, and Parking Divisions and the Police Department. SB 720 mandates that this program be managed by a "Department of Transportation". In the City of Sacramento, Public Works functions as the Department of Transportation.

Per SB 720, revenues derived from the automated traffic enforcement system shall first be used to recover program costs. Program costs include installation of automated traffic enforcement systems, the adjudication of violations, and reporting requirements, and Department of Transportation program staffing. Any excess revenue shall be used for traffic-calming measures. Revenue not planned for traffic calming or spent on program costs within three years shall revert to the State's Active Transportation Program.

Public Works is requesting to establish a new Capital Project Fund (Fund 2040) to hold the revenues collected from the automated traffic enforcement system. Approving the new fund will ensure that revenues are appropriately allocated to program costs and traffic calming, and to unsure fund tracking for required reporting.

Policy Considerations: The recommendation in this report is in accordance with City Charter, Article V, Section 61(h), which provides the City Manager or designee, the power and duty to execute, on behalf of the City, all contracts, franchises, leases, permits, or any other documents requiring the execution of which is required by an officer of the City, when authorized to do so by the provisions of the charter or by ordinance or resolution.

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This action is not a project subject to CEQA because it involves only organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment (CEQA Guidelines §15378(b)(5)).

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: State legislation established mandates for revenue generated from the automated traffic enforcement system and Public Works is requesting approval to establish a new capital project fund so that revenues are appropriately allocated to program costs and traffic calming, and to unsure fund tracking for required reporting.

Financial Considerations: In order to meet the requirements of SB 720 a new fund is being requested.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

DATE

ESTABLISH A CAPITAL PROJECT FUND FOR A RED LIGHT AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM

BACKGROUND

- A. The Public Works Department will lead the implementation of 2025 Senate Bill 720 (SB 720) which establishes an automated traffic enforcement system (red light cameras) as part of the City's Vision Zero Program.
- B. Per SB 720, revenues derived from this automated traffic enforcement system shall first be used to recover program costs. Program costs include installation of automated traffic enforcement systems, the adjudication of violations, and reporting requirements, and program staffing. Any excess revenue shall be used for traffic-calming measures. Revenue not spent eligible expenses within three years shall revert to the State's Active Transportation Program.
- C. Establishing a Capital Project Fund (Fund 2040), designated as SB 720 Red Light Camera Fund, would provide a specific fund to hold the revenues collected from the automated traffic enforcement system. This dedicated fund would help ensure the funds collected would be separated, tracked, and monitored by the City.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The SB 720 Red Light Camera Fund (Fund 2040) is established as a new Special Revenue Fund to account for the revenue collected through automated traffic enforcement (red light cameras) and associated expenses.