Gentlemen,

The California Office of Traffic Safety is requesting NHTSA approval for the purchase of four (4) Mobile License Plate Recognition Systems @ approximately $25,000 per each system. The systems will be funded in the cities of Oxnard, Bakersfield, Palm Springs, and Elk Grove.

The system consist of vehicle mounted cameras, a computer systems, and various components. The system has the capability to taking photos of passing vehicle’s license plates and querying the plate through a database to determine if the plate is associated with habitual DUI offenders that are on probation for DUI. The system also has the capabilities of storing information on vehicles registered to offenders who have suspended licenses. The systems will only be used for DUI enforcement. Appropriate language will be incorporated into each grant.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Dave Doucette

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Dave, Bill is out but… if he were here he would say something like:

“We are going to need more project( grant) description before we can proceed with this”, and I would concur. That would include the problem identification rationale for the systems and what they are meant to accomplish/address. Also since, according to our discussion, this is being tried as a demonstration project we will want to ensure that these items are being used in a consistent manner in the 4 locations and a specific written proposal is the way to do this. And if we are going to use these sites as demos for possible future funding of other locations we are going to have to have the basic framework of the proposal to ensure the ability to replicate the demonstration project. (This would be no different than the type of information we need for any other proposals sent to us.)

It is really only through the mechanism of a written grant that we can determine a project’s fundability and any additional items that may be required to support a positive determination. In the final analysis the grant proposal will help provide the justification for the project as a viable traffic safety tool.

We will be there tomorrow and can discuss it further if you want.
Hello Chris,

We have received and reviewed your request to conduct a pilot project with Oxnard Police Department utilizing license plate readers to target and apprehend repeat impaired offenders who are driving on suspension.

We are pleased to approve this pilot project based on the proposal submitted to our office. Approval is also given for the purchase of a license plate reader and associated costs in the amount of $24,800 to be utilized in this project.

Please contact Bill Kootsikas if you have any questions.
Have a good weekend!

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Hello All,

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the OTS/DMV pilot program (with support from NHTSA) to test the effectiveness of law enforcement to use License Plate Readers (LPR’s) to detect and arrest repeat DUI offenders with a suspended or revoked license. Fresno and Sacramento Police Departments will join Oxnard, Bakersfield, and Palm Springs police departments in the pilot program. Initially the plan was to end the pilot program Sept 30, but with Fresno and Sacramento joining the program it makes more sense to run the pilot to March 31, 2010. If the pilot is successful, OTS/NHTSA has plans to provide funding to cities to purchase LPR’s. Special thanks to Dave DeYoung and DMV for making this data available to law enforcement. I’m looking forward to seeing and hearing your progress. Thanks to everyone for making this effort possible. Chris

Contact will be made this week with everyone to discuss next steps.

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