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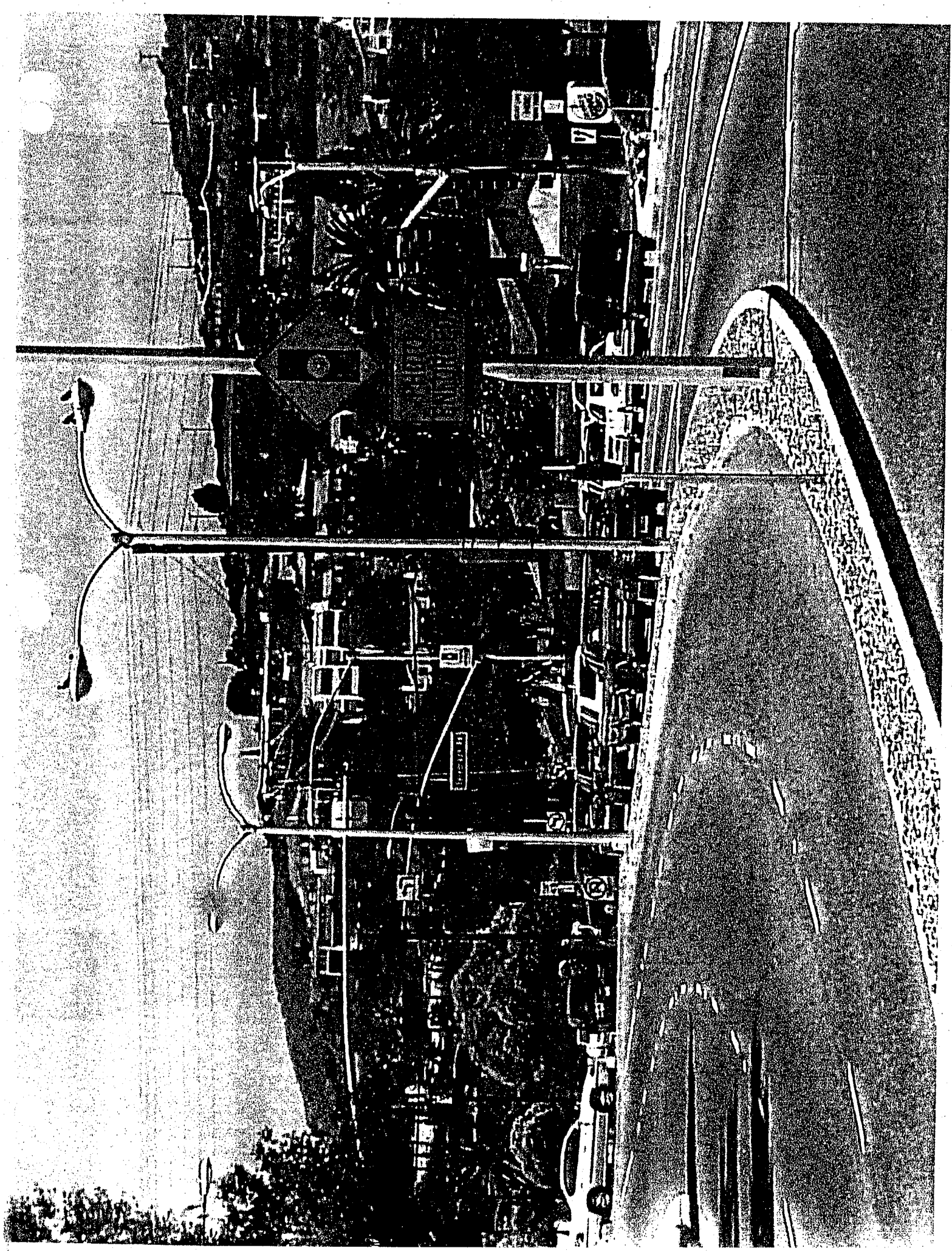
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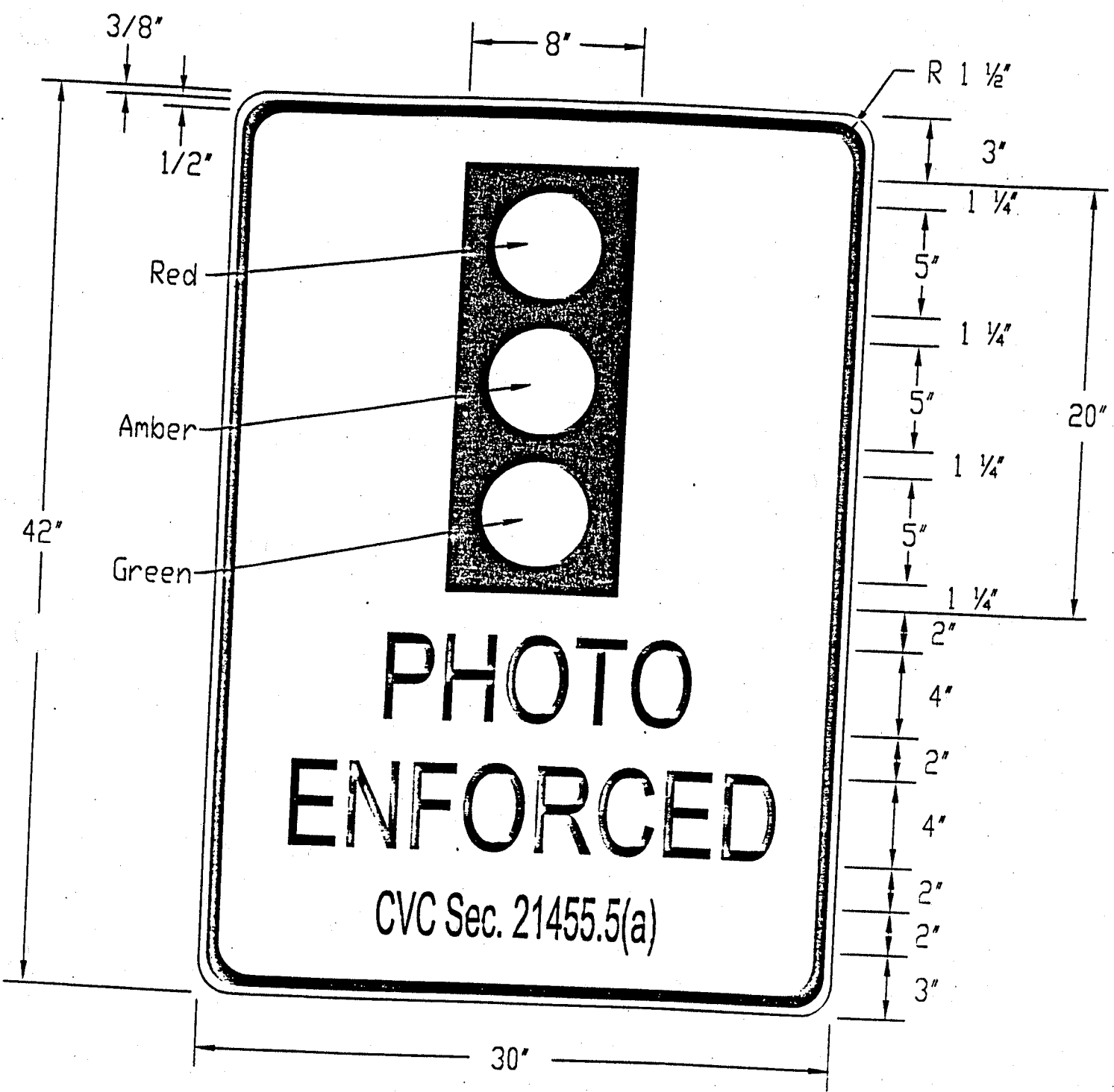
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Enforcement Advisory Sign



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Making Ventura Even Better!

Ventura Gives a Green Light to Traffic Safety

The City of Ventura recently launched a new program to reduce the number of traffic accidents at intersections. The camera assisted traffic system will involve 20 of Ventura's highest-risk intersections and will use digital photo technology to document violations involving motorists running red lights.

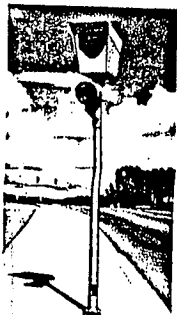


Accident as seen by the photo enforcement system

Two high tech "electronic eyes" will generate citations printed with color photographs of both vehicle and driver so offenders can see their record personally. To ensure accuracy, the Ventura Police Department will review each citation on a case-by-case basis before issuance of a ticket.

"We anticipate the new camera system will discourage red light running and are confident it will make our streets safer for pedestrian and vehicular traffic."

- Mike Tracy, Ventura Police Chief



Camera assisted traffic system.

Ventura Police report red light violations cause the most serious injury-risk crashes. It is anticipated that the new automated enforcement system will have a noticeable impact on our City's accident statistics. "We anticipate the new camera system will discourage red light running and are confident it will make our streets safer for pedestrian and vehicular traffic," says Ventura Police Chief Mike Tracy.

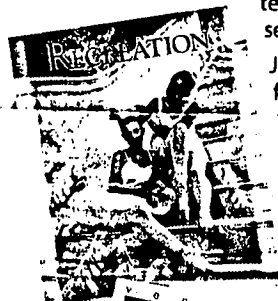
Ventura's program will be operated by Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. a company providing similar services elsewhere in California, and Colorado. Residents can expect to see camera installations beginning in the fall and continuing through the end of the year.

For more information on red light photo enforcement or our City's safety initiative, call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4400.

Ventura Wins National Awards for Recreation Guide and Visioning Plan

The City of Ventura recently won two first-place marketing awards for its Recreation Guide and Seize the Future Visioning Plan. The awards were announced at the annual 3CMA (City-County Communications & Marketing Association) conference in San Diego this fall. The 600-member association was founded in 1988 to develop better two-way communication between local government and citizens.

A panel of judges selected Ventura's entries for "Best Recreation Guide" and "Best Community Visioning Process" from among over 700 entries in ten marketing and communications divisions, including television and video, publications, marketing plans and campaigns, internet and technology services, citizen participation, service delivery, and communications plans.



Judges praised Ventura's Recreation Guide for its quality cover, content and layout as well as its direct mail marketing strategy to reach all residents. Ventura's "Seize the Future" community visioning process was praised for involving over 5,000 participants and using a wide variety of creative methods to stimulate the interests and support of its citizens.



To obtain a copy of the City of Ventura's Recreation Guide or Seize the Future Visioning Plan, please call 654-7731.

Energy Awareness

With holiday travel plans and cooler months ahead, energy conservation will become a top priority for many Venturans. Here are a few tips to make both homes and cars more energy efficient:

- Consider installing insulation in walls and attics that can keep homes warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. This will reduce the cost of electric bills. Weather stripping can significantly improve a building's energy efficiency.
- Energy used to heat water can be reduced by installing low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators. Water heaters and hot water pipes can also be insulated to prevent heat loss.
- Make sure that tires are properly inflated, and the car is tuned up and has clean oil and air filters. These steps will make cars run more efficiently on less gasoline.
- Don't overload the your car when packing for a trip. For every extra 100 pounds you cut your mileage by one mile per gallon.



For more information on energy conservation, please visit the California Energy Commission's web site at www.energy.ca.gov

■ Pastor David Smith of Ojai Valley Adventist Church will deliver the message "How's Your Marriage, Jerry?" today. Communion will also be celebrated.

Services are held at 10:45 a.m. each Saturday and include contemporary and traditional Christian music. Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m.

The church is at 291 E. El Roblar Drive. Call 955-7631.

■ Pastor Phil Robillard will continue a sermon series Sunday titled "Jesus of Nazareth, Friend of Sinners" at Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Thousand Oaks. The church will hold its worship celebration at 10:05 a.m.

A nursery and Sunday school classes are provided, while those who are high school or college age remain for the regular service.

The church has music, teaching and a casual atmosphere. The fellowship is at 480 W. Gainesborough Road. Call 379-0237.

■ St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Oxnard will continue its Lent worship celebration with Communion on Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Child care is available for children up to age 4. Also Sunday, the Rev. Victor Salas will lead a Spanish-language Bible study session at 12:30 p.m.; the Japanese ministry workshops at 2 p.m., led by the Rev. Shiro Kato.

The church is at 1800 South C St. Call 487-2711.

■ St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Camarillo will offer "A Meditation on the Passion of Christ With Anthems and Carols" at 4 p.m. Sunday. The service is based on a program performed at St. John's College in Cambridge, England, and is divided into three parts: Gethsemane, the Trial and the Crucifixion. The program includes scripture readings from the Old Testament, plus music by Tchaikovsky, Rutter and American folk hymns. A freewill offering will be taken.

The church is at 1251 Las Posas Road. Call 482-8831.

■ Guest speaker Jeremy Taylor will lead services on Sunday at Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura. Taylor is billed as an "internationally renowned innovator in group process dream work."

Services will be at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Child care and religious education are available during the first service. The church is at 4949 Foothill Road. Call 644-3898.

■ The Rev. Lynne Austin will continue a Lenten sermon series Sunday with a message titled "Abundance" at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Newbury Park. Worship services are at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Worship at St. Matthew's is relaxed and interactive, with child care and children's classes available during the second service. The church is at 1360 S. Wendy Drive. Call 498-6910.

■ The Rev. Craig Brown will deliver the sermon "All Eyes on Jesus" on Sunday at United Methodist Church of Thousand Oaks. The sermon will be based on John 12:1-8.

Services are held each Sunday at 9:45 and 11 a.m. Adult ministries meet at 8:45 a.m.; youth ministries, 9

On Sunday at 10 a.m. the temple will host a family field trip to the Skirball Museum in Los Angeles, plus a treasure hunt and Passover festival. The cost is \$10 per family.

The temple is at 4098 Calle Tesoro, Suite D. Call 388-3824.

■ Camarillo Community Church holds Sunday worship services at 8, 9, 10:10 and 11:20 a.m.

Children's programming is at 9, 10:10 and 11:20 a.m. The church is at 1322 Las Posas Road. Call 482-2657.

■ Guest pastor Bobbi McMullen will deliver a sermon on Sunday at north Oxnard United Methodist Church. The message will draw from Luke 15. The worship service is at 10:30 a.m.

The church is at 1801 S. Joliet Place. Call 485-0778.

■ The Rev. Kent Meads will deliver a sermon Sunday at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Camarillo. The message is based on the scripture Luke 15:11-32. There will be a celebration service at 8:30 a.m., followed by a traditional worship service at 10 a.m.

The church is at Las Posas Road and Antonio Avenue. Call 484-0530.

■ Pastor Valerie De La Torre will continue a Roman series Sunday with "Foundations of Freedom: Resurrection Power for Life's Problems" at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Hueneme. The worship service is at 10 a.m.

Nursery care is provided. Preschool children through fifth-graders are dismissed to "Kids' Church."

The church is at 755 Bard Road, Port Hueneme. Call 483-8810.

■ The Rev. D. Paul Hickman will deliver a message Sunday at Thousand Oaks Baptist Church. The morning worship service begins at 10:45, followed by an evening service at 6. Other programs include training hour, 5 p.m. Sunday; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; prayer hour, 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The church is at 2685 Calle Abedul. Call 492-4224.

■ St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church in Westlake Village is offering Lenten faith enrichment workshops Tuesdays and Wednesdays through April 4. The meetings will begin at 7 p.m. with refreshments, followed by the class at 7:30 p.m. Advance \$5, at the door \$7.

The church is at 5801 Kanan Road. Call (818) 991-3915.

■ The Rev. E.W. Greene will deliver a sermon Sunday at United Church of Christ in Simi Valley. Services are held each Sunday at 10 a.m.

The church is at 370 Royal Ave. Call 528-6001.

■ Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Ventura holds "Welcome Back" sessions each Monday at 7 p.m. for inactive Catholics.

The church is at 3175 Telegraph Road. Call 289-3499.

■ Sunrise Christian Fellowship in Simi Valley will hold the eighth installment of its 11-part series, "10 Great Dates to Energize Your Marriage," on Friday. The meetings are held on consecutive Fridays beginning at 7 p.m. Dates include: "Love and Marriage: A Love Story," "The

CAMERAS: Drivers on Notice

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row and striking another vehicle. A 40% reduction in collisions is not unreasonable to expect, Turner said.

"Our mind-set in Southern California is so often motivated by challenging yellow lights. . . . It results in the majority of our injuries," he added.

Redflex Traffic Systems Inc., based in Australia, is not charging Ventura for installation of its system.

The company expects to recoup its investment from the tickets issued, said company spokesman Steve Stanford.

Projected ticket revenue could exceed \$5 million in the first 18 months of the five-year contract. Redflex will keep 86% of revenues from fines and the city will receive the remaining 14%, Stanford said.

After 18 months, the formula shifts and the city collects 76% of the revenue with the remainder going to Redflex.

Ventura's first cameras have already been installed at two Victoria Avenue intersections—at Telegraph and Telephone roads. The remaining cameras will be installed by summer at 18 other intersections, Turner said.

Each system consists of two cameras. One photographs the vehicle's rear license plate, while a second snaps a shot of the driver's face.

The images will then be downloaded to a Redflex computer in Scottsdale, Ariz. From there, the images are shipped online to the Ventura Police Department. A local officer will determine whether a violation has occurred and, if so, a



MEL MELCON - Los Angeles Times

Ventura has already installed digital cameras to catch red-light runners at the intersection of Victoria Avenue and Telephone Road.

notice will be sent. But Ramona Ripston, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, said intersection cameras clearly violate motorists' right to privacy. "The 4th Amendment applies to people in public places," Ripston said. "You should be able to drive in the street without the government taking your picture. . . . The name of safety we could restrict all kinds of behavior in this country."

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OUT & ABOUT

SIGHTS: Etchings and artifacts are featured at Ventura County Museum's "Missions of California" exhibition. A receptacle for consecrated wafers, above, is among the relics. **B8**

PAGE TURNER: Author Paula Danziger will discuss her spunky character, Amber Brown, whom she is reintroducing to younger readers. **B6**

REGIONAL NEWS

HAILING CESAR: Today is the first state holiday marking the birthday of labor leader Cesar Chavez. Events at a downtown Los Angeles school Friday marked the anniversary. **B11**

FLEISS ARRESTED: "Hollywood Madam" Heidi Fleiss is arrested on suspicion of using drugs and failing to report for testing, both of which would be violations of the terms of her parole. **B13**

CENSUS 2000



Cameras to Keep an Eye on Intersections

■ **Traffic:** Ventura follows Oxnard in installing devices that photograph drivers who run red lights. Civil libertarians say they are an invasion of privacy, but Thousand Oaks may be next to add them.

By TIMOTHY HUGHES
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Starting Monday, Ventura becomes the second city in the county to install cameras at busy intersections to nab motorists driving through red lights.

Oxnard has had a camera system in place since 1997, and traffic experts there say it has contributed to a 32% decrease in the number of vehicles running red lights. And Thousand Oaks may be next to photograph its traffic scoff-laws.

A Washington-based traffic consultant has been hired by that city for \$15,000 to study whether intersection cameras will reduce such violations.

Ventura's \$1-million digital camera system is expected to discourage drivers who run red lights, and consequently cause the most serious collisions, officials said.

Within five days of being caught on camera, a violator will receive a computer printout in the mail complete with multiple photographs of the incident along with a court date.

For the first 30 days, the cameras will be operational but violators will receive a warning letter rather than a citation. But beginning in May, the

'This tells drivers that we are omnipresent. The sooner a violator gets their notice, the better chance they will have of putting up a defense.'

—John Funder, Ventura police sergeant

Williams was teaching the game to inner-city kids who otherwise might never have been exposed to it. B14

VENTURA-COUNTY FORECAST

Mostly sunny skies today after patchy morning fog. Mostly clear tonight. Continued mostly sunny on Sunday. Highs both days from the upper 60s to the mid-80s. Lows tonight in the 50s. Details on B10.

	Today	H	Lo
Camarillo	80	80	52
Fillmore	81	81	50
Moorpark	82	82	51
Ojai	84	84	51
Oxnard	75	75	53
Point Mugu	69	69	54
Santa Paula	82	82	51
Simi Valley	84	84	50
Thousand Oaks	83	83	50
Ventura	77	77	53
Westlake Village	81	81	51

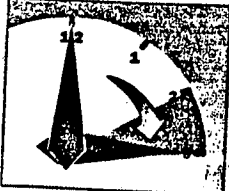
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Time for a Change



Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, and clocks should be moved ahead one hour.



ANNECUSACK / Los Angeles Times

Although many neighborhoods in Ventura County are segregated along racial and economic lines, there is some integration in schools, such as at Lang Ranch Elementary in Thousand Oaks. More stories, B2-3.

Racial Segregation Persists in County, Statistics Show

Despite an influx of 84,000 minorities into the region during the last decade, the latest census figures indicate many neighborhoods are still divided along color lines. Analysts attribute the trend to the limited earning power of many nonwhites, and the dearth of affordable housing.

By DARYL KELLEY
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The 1990s brought a more diverse population to Ventura County, but a decade of change did little to reduce lingering racial segregation in its cities and neighborhoods, the 2000 census shows.

Of the county's 10 cities, six remained predominantly white and three were largely, and increasingly, Latino.

Viewed another way, the growth of the '90s is a tale of two Ventura counties—one mostly white and upscale and the other mostly Latino and poorer.

"The defining line for segregation in Ventura County is economic," said Karl Lawson, an Oxnard housing official who led the city's census outreach program. "Segregation is based on the color green for money. And in Oxnard, we have less green than Thousand Oaks."

After strong Latino and Asian growth in the 1990s, two of every five county residents are racial or ethnic minorities. Yet, two-thirds of white residents still live in communities

that are at least 70% white, and one-third in neighborhoods that are 80% white or more.

Four of the county's five largest cities—Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Ventura and Camarillo—remain between 68% and 78% white. Ojai is 80% white. And several smaller communities are among the most racially isolated in Southern California: The Westlake Lake area is 91% white and Oak Park is 90% white. Oak Park had only one black resident after 21 moved out during the last decade, the census reported.

Conversely, Oxnard, Santa Paula and Fillmore, all traditional ports of entry for poor immigrants, are now at least 61% Latino—twice the county norm—after thousands of farm workers flocked there during the 1990s, and the cities' white populations plummeted. One Oxnard neighborhood is 93% Latino, while several others are at least 80% Latino.

Countywide, about one-third of Latinos live in communities that are at least 70% Latino.

Only Port Hueneme—at 43% white, 36% Latino, 7% Asian and 6%

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of mechanical or other problems, only about half the violators caught on camera in Southern California end up paying a fine.

Turner acknowledges no camera system is perfect. Glare from the sun, blurred images and other problems that would inhibit any camera can sometimes work against the intersection system, he said.

Despite accuracy and privacy concerns raised by civil libertarians, government and police officials support the systems.

Oxnard was the first city in Southern California to install a camera system four years ago. Beverly Hills soon followed. It is estimated that at least 20 cities in Southern California will install systems within the next year.

"It's worked great for us," said Oxnard Police Chief Art Lopez. "Where people used to speed, we have been able to lower speeds."

A study done two years after Oxnard installed its cameras, which unlike Ventura's digital system contain film that requires developing, showed that red-light violations in the city had dropped by 72%.

Highway safety experts say more than 800 people are killed and more than 200,000 people are injured nationwide in collisions caused by red-light runners each year.

Nearly half the injury accidents in Ventura during 1999 were the result of one driver running a red light or red arrow.

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Air Show Opens, but Fog Grounds Star Attraction

Point Mugu: Crowd of 52,000 enjoys sights and sounds of other planes. Thunderbirds will fly today if the weather clears up.

By MARGARET TALEV
TIMES STAFF WRITER

As 52,000 flight enthusiasts looked to the skies Friday, a blanket of afternoon fog settled in, grounding the main attraction on opening day of the 38th annual Point Mugu Air Show.

"The kids are very disappointed," said Tammy Cantrell of Newbury Park, whose 9-year-old son Taylor and his friend Brian Miller had looked forward to seeing the Air Force Thunderbirds in action.

The precision flying team is set to perform today at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday at 4:30 p.m. if the weather clears up.

The forecast calls for low clouds and fog again this morning, with partial clearing in the afternoon and more clouds and fog by dusk. Sunday's forecast should be similar, with a high of 68 degrees.

Visibility should be four to five miles today and Sunday, said Bill Hoffer of the National Weather Service in Oxnard. The Thunderbirds need five miles of visibility to fly.

The air show starts at 8 a.m. today with a radio-controlled airplane demonstration. The Russian Thunder, a Yak 54 aircraft manufactured in Russia in 1998, will also be on display.

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Ventura joins nationwide fight against red light running with March activation of camera systems at two intersections

Ventura becomes the latest California community to use photo enforcement to reduce the number of collisions, injuries and fatalities caused by red light runners. By mid-March it will activate red light camera systems at the Victoria & Telegraph and Victoria & Telephone intersections, and at twenty of the city's highest risk intersections by summer.

Each system consists of two cameras: one digitally photographs the violator's car and rear license plate while a second camera captures images of the driver's face. These two "electronic eyes" generate citations containing color photographs of both vehicle and driver that are reviewed by the Ventura Police Department for accuracy and then mailed to offenders.

Red light runners recorded by the cameras will receive warning letters only for the first thirty days of camera activation. After that "grace period" violators will receive \$271 citations.

When local accident data closely mirrored an 18% national increase in red light crashes between 1998-99, Ventura contracted Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., a leading provider of digital imaging solutions for traffic management and road safety, to install the city's photo enforcement system.

"We anticipate the new camera system will discourage red light running," said Ventura Police Chief Mike Tracy. "We are confident photo enforcement will make our streets safer for pedestrians and vehicular traffic."

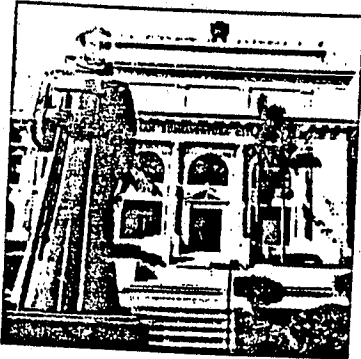
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Coming and going



County Supervisor Steve Bennett, left, chats with Harry Hufford during a reception Tuesday honoring both men, which was attended by more than 180 people at the Bi...

Staff photo by Chuck Kirwan

Cameras ready to nab drivers who run lights

GRACE PERIOD: Photos start Monday at 2 sites, but no citations will be given for first 30 days.

By John Scheibe
Staff writer

Life is about to get tougher for Ventura's red-light runners.

Starting next week, anyone foolish enough to zoom through a red light at selected intersections in Ventura will get pictures taken and receive copies of them in the mail. The photos will show not only the driver's face but also the vehicle's front and rear, including its license plates.

Cameras have been installed atop silver towers where Victoria Avenue intersects Telephone Road and again at Telegraph Road, and more are on the way. Officials say they will be installed at some of Ventura's busiest and most dangerous intersections.

The Victoria Avenue cameras will start photographing offending motorists Monday, but tickets will not be issued during the first 30 days.

"State law requires us to give a 30-day notice period," explained

Camera cops

Ventura intersections where red-light cameras are already installed:

- Victoria Avenue/Telephone Road
- Victoria Avenue/Telegraph Road

Intersections where the cameras could be installed:

- California Street/Thompson Boulevard
- Mills Road/Telegraph Road
- Webster Street/Victoria Avenue
- Bristol Road/Johnson Drive

cameras. However, once the 30 days have passed violators could be hit with a big fine. In California, the fine is \$271, the steepest in the nation.

The cameras come as authori...

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"State law requires us to give a 30-day notice period," explained Ventura Police Sgt. John Turner. Offenders will get a warning in the mail during the 30-day period.

"The main idea is to discourage anyone from running a red light, since these cameras will take your picture if you do so," said Turner, in charge of the department's traffic enforcement division.

Police will also use the 30-day period to spread the word about the cameras. However, once the 30 days have passed violators could be hit with a big fine. In California, the fine is \$271, the steepest in the nation.

The cameras come as authorities report a steady rise in the number of red-light runners. The rise is blamed on a number of factors, including more congested streets and an ever-increasing number of people living harried and hurried lives. Red-light infractions also have led to an increase in accidents at intersections. Turner said such accidents are among the most serious and deadly because vehicles often collide at right angles.

"If you're hit on the side, there is no air bag to protect you," he said.

The cameras will only photograph a vehicle that has entered an intersection after the light has turned red. They will not photograph drivers making legal right turns on a red light or those already in the intersection waiting to turn left when the light turns red.

And the cameras will even ferret out wayward drivers after dark. They are armed with strobe lights that flash when the camera is activated in the dark.

While the light won't blind a driver, it's enough for the camera to capture a clear image, Turner said.

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The Ventura City Council agreed in May to a five-year contract with the system's Australia-based manufacturer, Redflex, to install and operate the cameras.

Redflex is paying the system's \$1 million-plus price tag. It will recoup this cost by keeping about 85 percent of fines collected during the first 18 months. Officials project the company will get \$2.8 million during the first 12 months, while Ventura will keep \$461,000. Redflex is projected to collect \$5.8 million during the five-year contract, and Ventura will get \$5.7 million.

Turner said the number of citations is expected to drop off rapidly after the first year.

Once the word spreads that an intersection has a camera, people tend to be a lot more careful, Turner said. "That's the real benefit of this system."

Digital images of violators are electronically routed to Redflex's computers every 24 hours, then sent to police.

"Just because someone's photo is taken does not automatically mean they will get a ticket," said Turner, adding police will personally review each photograph to make sure an infraction occurred.

Other intersections where the cameras could be installed include Bristol Road and Johnson Drive, Webster Street and Victoria Avenue and Mills and Telegraph roads.

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Citations for Ventura's red light enforcement program start May 2nd as thirty-day grace period of warning notices to violators ends

Starting Wednesday, May 2nd, Ventura motorists who run red lights at the city's first two intersections where photo enforcement red light camera systems have been installed will receive citations with a minimum fine of \$271.

"With cameras monitoring the intersections of Victoria & Telegraph and of Victoria & Telephone, we've issued 228 Warning Notices for the past 30 days," said Ventura Police Department Sergeant John Turner. "We've given motorists a month to become aware of this new program that uses photo enforcement to reduce the number of collisions, injuries and fatalities caused by red light runners. The grace period is over. Now it's time to start citing violators."

Red light runners recorded by the cameras will receive official traffic citations in the mail with a minimum fine of \$271 with photos recording the violation printed onto it. Violators will have three choices in response: pay the fine and have a point count added to their DMV records that could increase their insurance fees; pay the fine and attend traffic safety school to minimize the insurance impacts; or contest the charge.

"We have taken great pains to be as fair as possible with this new program," continued Sergeant Turner, "through careful selection of a quality photo enforcement system, and individual authorization of each citation before it is issued to ensure that only genuine violations are ticketed." Each system consists of two cameras: one digitally photographs the violator's car and rear license plate while a second camera captures images of the driver's face. These two "electronic eyes" generate citations containing color photographs of both vehicle and driver that are reviewed by the Ventura Police Department and then mailed to offenders.

When local accident data closely mirrored an 18% national increase in red light crashes between 1998-99, Ventura contracted Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc., a leading provider of digital imaging solutions for traffic management and road safety, to install the city's photo enforcement system. By fall photo enforcement will be activated at twenty of the City of Ventura's highest risk intersections.



MEDIA RELEASE

Correction...Conference is tomorrow.

DATE: March 28, 2001

INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Carl Handy 339-4493

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Press Conference

INCIDENT LOCATION: Ventura Police Department Headquarters

DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 3/29/01, 1000 hrs.

BRIEF NARRATIVE:

C.A.T.S.S. (Camera Assisted Traffic Safety System)

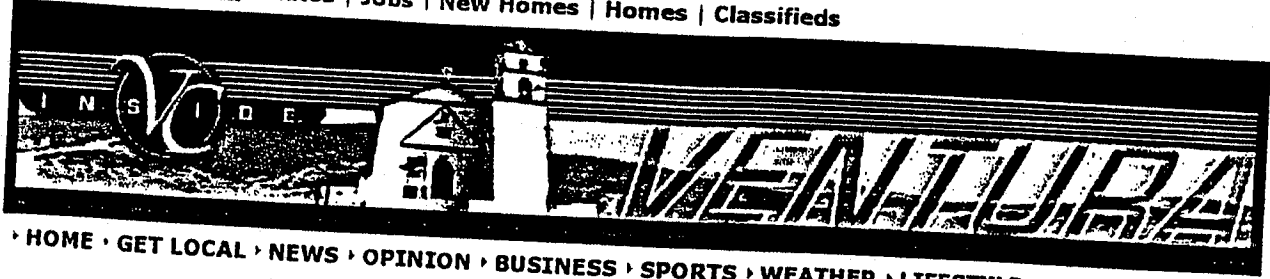
The Ventura Police Department, in conjunction with Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. will begin using cameras to monitor and enforce traffic violations at selected intersections in the City of Ventura, using C.A.T.S.S. The warning phase of the program will begin on Monday, 4/2/01, and will continue for 30 days. At the conclusion of that warning period, enforcement for red light violations will commence at selected locations.

A press conference is scheduled for Thursday, 3-29-01, 1000 hrs., at Police Headquarters, to discuss the program. Representatives from the City and Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc. will be available to answer any questions relating to the system at that time. Members of the media are requested and encouraged to attend the briefing.

Any questions should be directed to Lt. Carl Handy, 339-4493.



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Red-light runners soon to get picture Cameras going up in Ventura

By John Scheibe
 Ventura County Star writer
 Monday August 28, 2000

Zooming through a red light in Ventura soon will get riskier as the city begins installing cameras at some of its most dangerous intersections.

The City Council approved the cameras this year, and Ventura police now say they will be installed within the next month.

Motorists brazen enough to rush past red lights armed with the electronic eyes can expect to get four digital color photos in the mail. The photos will not only show the driver's face but also the vehicle's front and rear, including its license plates.

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And being nabbed by the camera does not automatically mean a ticket, said Ventura police Sgt. John Turner.

"We will be looking at each photo and examining each on a case-by-case basis," Turner said.

Tickets will not be issued during the first 30 days of the program. "State law requires us to give a 30-day notice period," said Turner, adding police will use this time to get the word out about the cameras.

But once the 30 days have passed, violators could be hit

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"Locally, the number and severity of these types of accidents also seem to be increasing," said Ventura police Lt. Gary McCaskill.

The cameras will be installed at 20 intersections across town, with two cameras at each intersection -- "one to photograph the front of the car, another to get the back of the car and the fact that the light was red when the car was in the intersection," Turner said.

Police won't yet say which intersections will get the cameras, but it's a safe bet some will be set up along busy Victoria Avenue, McCaskill said.

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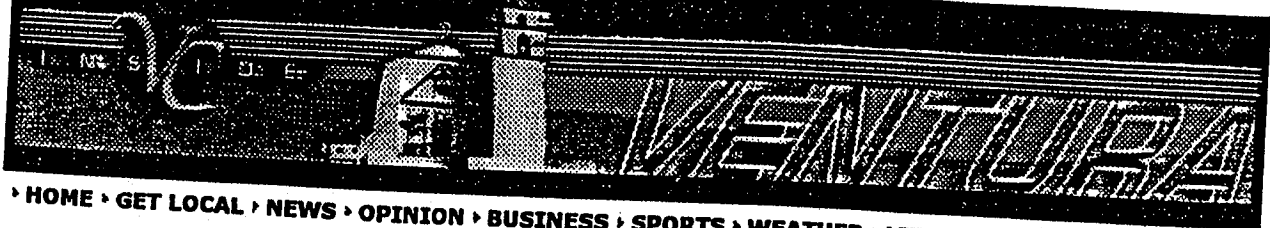


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Cameras ready to nab drivers who run lights
GRACE PERIOD: Photos start Monday at 2 sites, but no citations will be given for first 30 days.

By John Scheibe
Ventura County Star writer
Thursday March 29, 2001



Staff photo by Juan Carlo
SMILE: Starting Monday, anyone running a red light in view of this camera at Victoria Avenue and Telephone Road will be photographed.

Life is about to get tougher for Ventura's red-light runners.

Starting next week, anyone foolish enough to zoom through a red light at selected intersections in Ventura will get pictures taken and receive copies of them in the mail. The photos will show not only the driver's face but also the vehicle's front and rear, including its license plates.

Cameras have been installed atop silver towers where Victoria Avenue intersects Telephone Road and again at Telegraph Road, and more are on the way. Officials say they will be installed at some of Ventura's busiest and most dangerous intersections.

The Victoria Avenue cameras will start photographing offending motorists Monday, but tickets will not be issued during the first 30 days.

"State law requires us to give a 30-day notice period," explained Ventura Police Sgt. John Turner. Offenders will get a warning in the mail during the 30-day period.

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light, since these cameras will take your picture if you do so," said Turner, in charge of the department's traffic enforcement division.

Police will also use the 30-day period to spread the word about the cameras. However, once the 30 days have passed violators could be hit with a big fine. In California, the fine is \$271, the steepest in the nation.

The cameras come as authorities report a steady rise in the number of red-light runners. The rise is blamed on a number of factors, including more congested streets and an ever-increasing number of people living hurried and hurried lives. Red-light infractions also have led to an increase in accidents at intersections. Turner said such accidents are among the most serious and deadly because vehicles often collide a right angles.

"If you're hit on the side, there is no air bag to protect you," he said.

The cameras will only photograph a vehicle that has entered an intersection after the light has turned red. They will not photograph drivers making legal right turns on a red light or those already in the intersection waiting to turn left when the light turns red.

And the cameras will even ferret out wayward drivers after dark. They are armed with strobe lights that flash when the camera is activated in the dark.

While the light won't blind a driver, it's enough for the camera to capture a clear image, Turner said.

The Ventura City Council agreed in May to a five-year contract with the system's Australia-based manufacturer, Redflex, to install and operate the cameras.

Redflex is paying the system's \$1 million-plus price tag. It will recoup this cost by keeping about 85 percent of fines collected during the first 18 months. Officials project the company will get \$2.8 million during the first 12 months, while Ventura will keep \$461,000. Redflex is projected to collect \$5.8 million during the five-year contract, and Ventura will get \$5.7 million.

Turner said the number of citations is expected to drop off rapidly after the first year.

Once the word spreads that an intersection has a camera, people tend to be a lot more careful, Turner said. "That's the real benefit of this system."

Redflex's computers every 24 hours, then sent to police.

"Just because someone's photo is taken does not automatically mean they will get a ticket," said Turner, adding police will personally review each photograph to make sure an infraction occurred.

Other intersections where the cameras could be installed include Bristol Road and Johnson Drive, Webster Street and Victoria Avenue and Mills and Telegraph roads.

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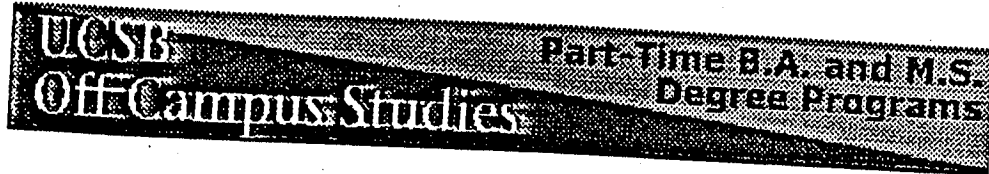
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Saturday, March 31, 2001

Ventura Takes On Scofflaws With Cameras

By TIMOTHY HUGHES, Times Staff Writer

Starting Monday, Ventura becomes the second city in the county to install cameras at busy intersections to nab motorists driving through red lights. Oxnard has had a camera system in place since 1997, and traffic experts there say it has contributed to a 32% decrease in the number of vehicles running red lights. And Thousand Oaks may be next to photograph its traffic scofflaws.

A Washington-based traffic consultant has been hired by that city for \$15,000 to study whether intersection cameras will reduce such violations.

Ventura's \$1-million digital camera system is expected to discourage drivers who run red lights, and consequently cause the most serious collisions, officials said.

Within five days of being caught on camera, a violator will receive a computer printout in the mail complete with multiple photographs of the incident along with a court date.

For the first 30 days, the cameras will be operational but violators will receive a warning letter rather than a citation. But beginning in May, citations will be sent with fines of \$271.

"This tells drivers that we are omnipresent," Ventura Police Sgt. John Turner said. "The sooner a violator gets their notice, the better chance they will have of putting up a defense."

Despite the photographic evidence, the systems aren't always successful at wresting fines from violators. Because of mechanical or other problems, only about half the violators caught on camera in Southern California end up paying a fine.

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Turner acknowledges no camera system is perfect. Glare from the sun, blurred images and other problems that would inhibit any camera can sometimes work against the intersection system, he said.

Despite accuracy and privacy concerns raised by civil libertarians, government and police officials support the systems.

Oxnard was the first city in Southern California to install a camera system four years ago. Beverly Hills soon followed. It is estimated that at least 20 cities in

Southern California will install systems within the next year.
"It's worked great for us," said Oxnard Police Chief Art Lopez. "Where people used to speed, we have been able to lower speeds."

A study done two years after Oxnard installed its cameras, which unlike Ventura's digital system contain film that requires developing, showed that red-light violations in the city had dropped by 72%.

Highway safety experts say more than 800 people are killed and more than 200,000 people are injured nationwide in collisions caused by red-light runners each year.

Nearly half the injury accidents in Ventura during 1999 were the result of one driver running a red light or red arrow and striking another vehicle. A 40% reduction in collisions is not unreasonable to expect, Turner said.

"Our mind-set in Southern California is so often motivated by challenging yellow lights. . . . It results in the majority of our injuries," he added.

Redflex Traffic Systems Inc., based in Australia, is not charging Ventura for installation of its system.

The company expects to recoup its investment from the tickets issued, said company spokesman Steve Stanford.

Projected ticket revenue could exceed \$5 million in the first 18 months of the five-year contract. Redflex will keep 86% of revenues from fines and the city will receive the remaining 14%, Stanford said.

After 18 months, the formula shifts and the city collects 76% of the revenue with the remainder going to Redflex.

Ventura's first cameras have already been installed at two Victoria Avenue intersections--at Telegraph and Telephone roads. The remaining cameras will be installed by summer at 18 other intersections, Turner said.

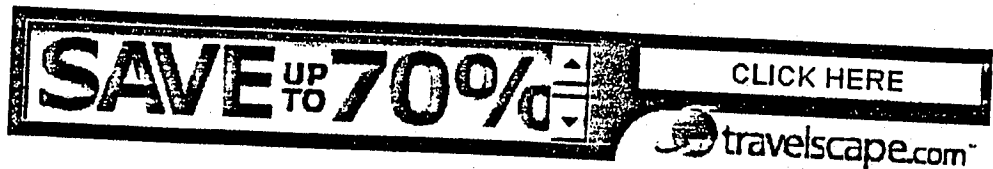
Each system consists of two cameras. One photographs the vehicle's rear license plate, while a second snaps a shot of the driver's face.

The images will then be downloaded to a Redflex computer in Scottsdale, Ariz. From there, the images are shipped online to the Ventura Police Department. A local officer will determine whether a violation has occurred and, if so, a notice will be sent.

But Ramona Ripston, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, said intersection cameras clearly violate motorists' right to privacy.

"The 4th Amendment applies to people in public places," Ripston said. "You should be able to drive in the street without the government taking your picture. . . . In the name of safety we could restrict all kinds of behavior in this country."

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Officials hope to protect 'sites of merit'

County leaders want cultural heritage ordinance to include waiting period

Charles Levin
Staff writer

Dust collects on the faded white moldings of the Farrell house, a one-time home of officers at the naval Construction Battalion Center in Port Hueneme.

Alm trees and rosemary bushes surround the two-story house, a 1915 California bungalow with a pitched roof, hardwood floors and fireplace.

For one's lived there for about four decades, ever since Navy officials deemed it historically significant. Now, it quietly awaits wrecking ball.

"The house has been here for a long time and it does have value," Navy spokeswoman Linda Wadley said. "But it

isn't safe. We'd love to see this building saved."

But fixing it could cost up to \$360,000, and the Navy has turned down the local base's requests for the money, she said.

Ventura County officials, however, hope to save the Farrell home and some 600 other buildings identified as potential historical "sites of merit" in the Santa Clara Valley, Ojai, Santa Paula, Fillmore and Oxnard.

They want to beef up the county's cultural heritage ordinance to require a six-month waiting period when a property owner applies for a demolition permit.

Efforts to tear down homes with potential landmark status come as develop-

ers repave farmland with tract homes and farmers strive to expand their crop land, said Kim Hocking, county planner for cultural heritage matters.

In some cases, willing saviors lack the money to preserve the buildings, he said. A waiting period would give the county's advisory Cultural Heritage Board a chance to negotiate with owners and find a way to save the buildings, Hocking said.

Options could include relocating a building or zoning changes. The latter would enable landowners to split their property and sell the parcel with the landmark to someone willing to maintain it.

But property owners could appeal to the Board of Supervisors and stall tear down the building after the six-month period ends.

The proposed new rules will be considered by county supervisors in November.

Although it's on federal property, demolishing the Farrell home will require a

county permit.

In other unincorporated areas, some 600 buildings could be eligible for landmark status, Hocking said. Using the National Register of Historic Places' rating system of 1 to 8, with 1 being the highest, the county has notified owners whose buildings rated as far down as 5.

Until now, the Cultural Heritage Board has never heard about demolition requests. Chances to save properties, such as Oxnard's Dominick McGrath house, fell through the cracks, said Gary Blum, the board's chairman.

Property owner Coastal Berry demolished the 1870s-era, two-story home about two years ago to make way for more farmland, Hocking said.

"We didn't even have an opportunity to announce to the public, 'Do you want to save this home?'" Blum said. "The new ordinance would provide a better safety net for historical resources. We're likely to catch more of them."

Notices went out to property owners that their buildings were identified in the survey and could be affected by the proposed new rules. A handful showed up at a public hearing two weeks ago to learn more about the proposal.

Most seemed receptive. But Barbara Vogel of Santa Paula was skeptical. She owns land with several potential historical buildings. Though she has no plans to sell her property, Vogel said tagging them as landmarks could scare off potential buyers unwilling to wait the six months.

Meanwhile, the Navy won't tear down the Farrell home for at least two years. Relocation is a possibility if someone is interested, Wadley said.

"The Navy's process does give time for someone to step up to the plate and make it safe," Wadley said. "There is a time element here that could be on our side."

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City wants red-light runners in pictures

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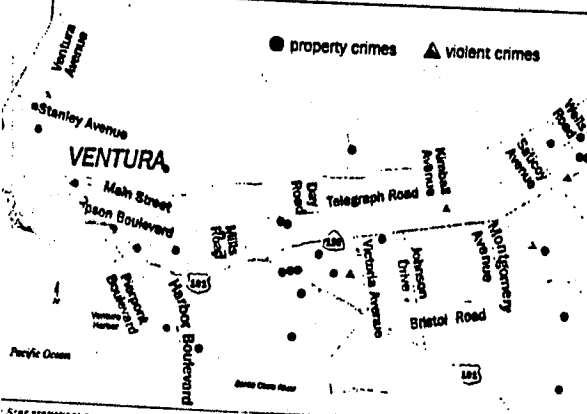


Cyclists take to the streets of Ventura

Bicyclists raced up Main Street in downtown Ventura on Sunday in the first lap of the men's elite championship during the third annual Ventura Cycling Classic. At left, Ryan Yee, 19, of Ojai leans into a turn during the race. The championship was one of three road races drawing bicyclists to the event. The classic serves as the final event in the Southern California Amateur Series, with proceeds benefiting the Ventura Youth Employment Service. Also featured was a demonstration by BMX riders, who performed jumps from a ramp in between races. Race results in Sports. — C5

Crimes reported to police

This list includes only those reported crimes the FBI classifies as the most serious — murder, robbery, assault, burglary, theft, vehicle theft and arson. For privacy reason, the Star will not list the general address of rapes.



Star statistical analysis, Ventura Police Department

This map includes only "calls for service" or incidents as reported by the public to police. Authorities estimate 5 percent to 10 percent of incidents are classified as something other than what they originally were reported to be.

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 - Aug. 21 1700 Lira Avenue
 - Aug. 21 6600 Thille Street
 - Aug. 21 Ventura Avenue & Main Street
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 - Aug. 22 2000 Cameron Street
 - Aug. 22 1200 San Simeon Court
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- Vehicle theft**
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 West side 648-8133

Ventura County Sheriffs
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Ventura County Crime Stoppers to line
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FAMILY HEALTH CARE: Probe finds 'no criminal violations' of law in firm's collapse.

By Staff
 Ventura County prosecutors have found "no criminal violations" of the law connected to the collapse of a Simi Valley-based medical group that closed its doors last year, leaving 135,000 patients without care and as much as \$20 million in unpaid bills.

The failure of Family Health Care Medical Group, which shut down in October after months of financial difficulties, was not because of "embezzlement, theft, or other criminal violations," according to a statement from the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. The office has also ruled out any civil action. Deputy District Attorney Robert Meyers said Wednesday. The agency began its investigation shortly after the collapse of the medical group, which employed 300 people and had offices in Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and Camarillo.

"It was right after that that we started getting the complaints," Meyers said. "There's

nothing that we have seen that would justify an unlawful-business suit by the county." The group is no longer in operation, but its former board members have opened new medical offices across Ventura County. Among them are Alamo Hills Medical Group in Simi Valley, where former board members Tim McNicoll and George Dichter practice.

Neither doctor would comment Wednesday. Creditors, including some of the 900 specialists and 200 general practitioners who worked as subcontractors for Family Health, were not surprised by the district attorney's findings.

Dr. Edward Feldman, a Conejo Valley obstetrician who is also a creditor, said some specialists are exploring their legal options. "We can continue to pursue a civil cause of action," he said.

The group's assets are currently being liquidated, and whatever amount can be raised would be divided among the creditors, with each receiving an equal percentage of what they are owed.

Under California law, former employees, the federal government, and secured creditors all have priority over unsecured creditors — such as the doctors — that make up the bulk of the

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company's 1,000 creditors. So far, the liquidation has yielded about \$300,000 in cash and by auctioning off the company's equipment. There is also an estimated \$4 million in outstanding payments from insurers, and the liquidators will pursue those accounts.

The deadline for creditors to file claims with the liquidators, Los Angeles-based DSI Inc., is Monday.

"It's only then we'd be able to make an estimate of how much we have and how much in disbursements we could make," spokeswoman Michelle Morice said.

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Killer of Oxnard man sentenced to 13 years

GANG SHOOTING: Victim's visit with homies en route to new life was fatal mistake.

By Aron Miller
 Staff writer

In a classic case of gang life turned tragic, an Oxnard man was sentenced to 13 years in prison Wednesday for shooting to death a rival gang member who tried to escape that violent world.

Anthony Frank Vasquez, 19, who pleaded guilty in February to voluntary manslaughter in the Sept. 1 killing of Dino Zarate, sat stoically as Superior Court Judge Bruce

Clark read his fate. In sentencing Vasquez, Clark chose the low term of three years for the manslaughter conviction, citing the quick guilty plea, but also the maximum 10-year enhancement for the use of a gun.

"The conduct these two are engaged in is stupid, it's insane," Clark said after hearing from attorneys and relatives of Zarate and Vasquez. "This is not downtown Los Angeles or South Los Angeles. This is Ventura County."

Vasquez, who became a so-called Oxnard gang member when he was 14 and has been in trouble ever since, must serve 85 percent of the sentence, which means he will

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	Arts	Fitness	Community	Movies
FRI. March 30	Dances on Fire! 8 p.m., Pierpont Inn, 550 San Jon Road, Ventura. Kayamanan Ng Lahi's Philippine dances and fire dances by Maile Polynesian Dance Ensemble. Part of Musics Alive! concert series. \$30 show. \$25 for Pre-party Island Dinner at 6 p.m. 643-6144, ext. 180, or (800) NEW-WEST.	Red Hot and Kickin' Country Dance Club: 7:15 p.m. dance lessons; open dancing until 11 p.m. Fridays, 83 S. Palm St., Ventura. \$3 ages 12 and up; \$2 11 and under. DJ: Vince Fiske. 643-8833.	Ventura College Art Auction: 6 p.m. viewing, 7 p.m. auction, Ventura College cafeteria, 4667 Telegraph Road, Ventura. Entertainment, refreshments and auction. Proceeds go toward scholarships for students. \$15; \$5 students. 654-6491.	"Someone Like You": Ashley Judd stars as Jane Goodale, a TV producer who decides to study the male animal after her romance with a colleague goes awry, in the romantic comedy, "Someone Like You." It opens Friday at CENTURY 16 CINEMAS , 2875 Eba St., 644-5666, (noon, 12:50, 2:20, 3:05, 4:40, 5:25, 7:15, 8, 9:30, 10:15 p.m.); CENTURY 10 DOWNTOWN , 555 E. Main St. 641-6500, (12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:20, 9:35 p.m.); and SANTA PAULA 7 THEATRES , 550 Main St., 933-6707, (4, 7, 9:15 p.m.)
SAT. March 31	Bell and Beyond: 8 p.m., Serra Center, San Buenaventura Mission, 211 E. Main St., Ventura. Members of the New West Symphony will perform a chamber orchestra concert. Part of Musics Alive! concert series. \$20. 497-5800.	Matilija Falls hike: 8 a.m., meet at Ventura carpool lot, corner of Harbor Boulevard and Seaward Avenue, Ventura. Sponsored by Sesoe Group Sierra Club. Free. 477-9979.	Native Plant Sale: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Plaza Park, Santa Clara and Chestnut streets, Ventura. Sponsored by the Channel Islands Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, 983-1312.	"Someone Like You" it opens Friday at CENTURY 16 CINEMAS, 2875 Eba St., 644-5666, (noon, 12:50, 2:20, 3:05, 4:40, 5:25, 7:15, 8, 9:30, 10:15 p.m.); CENTURY 10 DOWNTOWN, 555 E. Main St. 641-6500, (12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:20, 9:35 p.m.); and SANTA PAULA 7 THEATRES, 550 Main St., 933-6707, (4, 7, 9:15 p.m.)
SUN. April 1	Same Time, Next Year: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, through April 22, Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S. Seventh St., Santa Paula. \$15; \$12 seniors 55 and up and students; \$8 for children 12 and under. 525-4645.	Women's Self-Defense Workshop: 12:20 to 5 p.m., Makoto Dojo, School of Aikudo, 3026 Telegraph Road, Ventura. \$35 includes refreshments. 641-0447.	Ojai Renaissance Faire and Shakespeare at the Lake: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Lake Castas, Ojai. Musicians, entertainers and gypsies, food and tavern, belly dancers, fire eater, Shakespeare theater productions and more. \$10; \$5 children under 12; free for children under 5; \$15 weekend adult pass. 496-6036.	Dudley Open House: 1 to 4 p.m., Dudley House, corner of Ashwood and Loma Vista, Ventura. Featuring recordings of music that would have been played by the band on the Titanic. Tours will be given of the house. Free. 644-3286.
	Family concert: 11 a.m., Ventura County Museum of History and Art courtyard, 100 E. Main St., Ventura. Cal Arts Gamelan Ensemble will perform orchestra music of Indonesia, interactive music and dance demonstration. Free. 497-5800.	Family Nature Walk: 10 a.m., Malibu Lagoon, Malibu. Guided walk for children, infant to 8 years, and parents. \$10 family donation requested; reservations required: (310) 364-3591.	Hokulua Outrigger Club: 9 a.m., Channel Islands National Park Headquarters, Soironaker Cr., Ventura. First four practice sessions are free. 642-0269.	



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CITY OF VENTURA

RED LIGHT CAMERA ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

WARNING LETTER ONLY - RED MEANS STOP

The Californian Legislature has enacted legislation authorizing cities to use automated enforcement systems to issue Citation Notices for red light traffic violations. The City of Ventura has therefore begun a photo red light traffic enforcement pilot program as a major effort to reduce the number of accidents and associated injuries and deaths due to red light violations.

The program uses automated camera systems and sensor devices to detect vehicles entering the intersection during the red light phase. The camera system is *only active when the light is red*. Vehicles crossing the stop bar or entering the pedestrian crosswalk after the light turns red are detected automatically and the camera system records images of the violator, vehicle and surroundings. On each image of the violation is the date, time, location, and the time into the red signal when the violation occurred.

A vehicle registered in your name was noted to be in violation of the California Vehicle Code Section 21453(a) or (c) pursuant to Section 21455.5. The information below describes the vehicle photographed violating the traffic signal:

Location:	«Location»
Date of Violation:	«Date of Violation»
Time:	«Time of Violation»
License Plate #:	«License Plate»

This letter is being sent to you *as a courtesy* during the first 30 days of the program, to remind you to drive defensively, and to adhere to all traffic laws.

You do not need to respond to this letter.

For more information please call Toll-free 1-877-84SAFE-T (1-877-847-2338).

«FirstName» «LastName»
«Address1»
«City», «State» «PostalCode»



City of Ventura Automated Traffic Enforcement

RED MEANS STOP

The California Legislature has enacted legislation authorizing cities to use automated enforcement systems to issue Notices to Appear for red light traffic signal violations. The City of Ventura has begun a red light camera enforcement program as a major effort to reduce the number of accidents and associated injuries and deaths due to red light violations. This program uses automated cameras and sensor devices to record photographs of the violation.

The images you have received were taken automatically by such a camera system. The Red Light Camera is connected to the traffic signal and is *only* active when the light is red – not yellow or green. Vehicles crossing the stop line or entering the pedestrian crosswalk after the light turns red are detected automatically and four photographs are taken. Superimposed on each photograph are the date, time, location, and the time into the red signal when the violation occurred. (Refer to the pertinent Data Field explanation, below).

A vehicle registered in your name was photographed failing to stop for an official red traffic control signal. This is a violation of the State of California Vehicle Code Section 21453(a) or (c) pursuant to Section 21455.5.

The enclosed *Notice to Appear* describes the procedures for paying the fine or pleading not guilty and requesting a hearing. Please read all of the information carefully. It is imperative that you respond within thirty (30) days of the postmark of this Notice.

DATABAR EXPLANATION

R01	SNOWDEN RIVER @ McGAW	ID:101	SL: 45MPH-DI:HC:	L:2
REFLEX	05/03/1999 08:06:04 F:003A P:RED VS:060MPH TR:000.8			

Location of violation (points to SNOWDEN RIVER @ McGAW)
 Speed Limit (points to SL: 45MPH-DI:HC:)
 Date and time of violation (points to 05/03/1999 08:06:04)
 Vehicle Speed (points to VS:060MPH)
 Duration, in seconds, that the traffic signal was red at the time of the violation (points to TR:000.8)

TOLL FREE INFORMATION LINE:

You may call (1-877-84SAFE-T) - 24 hours per day, 7 days per week for information regarding this notice and redlight camera enforcement.

IDENTIFY DRIVER

IF YOU WERE NOT THE DRIVER AT THE TIME OF THE VIOLATION AND YOU ARE THE REGISTERED OWNER OR IF THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP PRIOR TO THE ALLEGED OFFENCE, PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW ON THE PERSON WHO WAS DRIVING (OR NEW OWNER). SIGN, DATE, DETACH, AND MAIL WITH A COPY OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE TO:

REFLEX ENFORCEMENT OFFICE
P.O. Box 15485 Scottsdale, AZ, 85267

Write Citation Number here:

Print Driver's (New Owner's) full name:

Driver license No. and State:

Driver's Date of Birth:

Driver's (New Owner's) Address:

DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE

Signature:

Date:



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REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 501 POLI STREET

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor of the Year - Mike Oakley

Proclamation - California Bike Commute Week - May 15 through 19.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT ITEMS continued -

4. Appropriation of State COPS Funds for Purchase of Equipment (82)

Staff: Steve Bowman, Assistant Police Chief

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Appropriate \$13,900 of fund balance in the Supplemental Law Enforcement Fund for purchase of equipment (14-41115-52218).

5. Mound Well No. 1, Specifications No. 99-11 (123)

Staff: Rick Raives, City Engineer

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- a. Approve the contract change order for the Mound Well No. 1 - Well Drilling Project, Specification No. 99-11, to the construction contract with De La Grange & Sons in the amount of \$56,000.
- b. Approve the addition of the subcontractor, Bakersfield Well & Pump Co.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Initiation of Automated Red Light Enforcement (82) (30 minutes)

Staff: Pat Miller, Assistant Police Chief

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- a. Receive input from the public regarding the proposed Automated Red Light Enforcement Program.
- b. Approve agreement with Redflex, USA, Inc. for the installation, maintenance and administration of an automated red light enforcement system.



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**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1999, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 501 POLI STREET**

ROLL CALL

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

On the first Monday of the month the City Council has allocated a total of 30 minutes for members of the public to address the Council on items of City business other than scheduled agenda items. Each speaker is limited to a cumulative total of 5 minutes for all presentations during this meeting. The Council has discretion to limit the time for each speaker should there be more than six speakers. Persons wishing to address the Council should complete a "Speaker Form".

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4. Johnson Drive Railroad Grade Separation Project – AMTRAK Agreement and Legal Services Agreement Amendment (50)

Staff: Everett Millais, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- a. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Amtrak to reimburse them in the amount of \$221,318, which is the estimated cost associated with a seven-day closure of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks during construction of the project.
- b. Authorize the City Manager to amend the legal services agreement dated June 2, 1998, (Agreement No. 98-33) with Best , Best & Krieger (BB&K) to include additional appraisal services in the amount of \$10,000.
- c. Authorize the transfer of \$320,000 from Fund 12-91999-91863, project inactive funds, to Fund 12-91863, Johnson Drive Railroad Grade Separation.

5. Plaza Park Gazebo, Specification No. 98-14, Contract Award (76)

Staff: Everett Millais, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- a. Approve the award of contract for the construction of the Plaza Park Gazebo Project, Specification No. 98-14, to the lowest responsible bidder, Thomsen Landscape, in the amount of \$179,000; and
- b. Approve the transfer of \$53,528 from Fund 18-92999-92860 (Inactive Gazebo Funds), \$47,494 from Fund 18-92999, Grant Park Resurfacing, \$14,267 from Fund 18-92999, Seaward Avenue Restroom, and \$112,639 from Fund 18-92999, Skateboard Park to Fund 18-92860, Plaza Park Gazebo.

6. California Beach Festival (76)

Staff: Jim Walker, Community Services Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Direct staff to explore alternative approaches to produce and operate the 1999 California Beach Festival including sub-contracting or entering into an agreement with another viable producer for the event.

10. Residential Growth Management Program (RGMP) Larger Projects Definition (80) (30 minutes)

Staff: Everett Millais, Community Development Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Provide direction about the definition of a "larger project" in the Residential Growth Management Program.

11. Amendment of Economic Development Factors and Creation of Economic Development Incentives Program (80) (10 minutes)

Staff: David Kleitsch, Economic Development Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a Resolution amending Economic Development Factors and creating an Economic Development Incentives Program for business retention, expansion, and attraction.

12. Fee Payment Agreement for Retention and Expansion of Paradise Chevrolet within the City (50) (10 minutes)

Staff: David Kleitsch, Economic Development Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve a fee payment agreement with Paradise Chevrolet for the retention and expansion of Paradise Chevrolet within the City.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Date: April 19, 2000

Agenda Item No.:

Council Action Date: May 15, 2000

To: DONNA LANDEROS, CITY MANAGER

From: MIKE TRACY, CHIEF OF POLICE

Subject: AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT

RECOMMENDED ACTION

- a) Conduct a public hearing and receive input from the public regarding the proposed Automated Red Light Enforcement Program.
- b) Approve the attached contract agreement between the City and Redflex, USA, Inc., for the installation, maintenance and administration of an automated red light enforcement system.

SUMMARY

On January 4, 1999, at the request of the Police Department, the Council directed the City Engineer to distribute requests for proposals that would provide the City with a 3-year to 5-year contract for the implementation and operation of an automated red light enforcement program. It was understood at the time that prior to entering into a contract for an automated enforcement system that a public hearing is required by the California Vehicle Code. That selection process led to the City negotiating the attached agreement with Redflex.

One of the largest causes of serious injury accidents in the City is related to red light violations. The City has implemented a number of engineering solutions with signal timing and equipment upgrades to reduce the number of red light violations, with some, but not enough positive results. Both the Police Department and the Transportation Engineers Office support this automated enforcement alternative to improve traffic safety in the community. The exact location of the automated enforcement systems will be decided by a joint committee consisting of the Police Department and the Transportation Engineer's Section based on a variety of factors such as accident rates and past violation history.

ALTERNATIVES

Within funding guidelines, the Police Department and the Transportation Engineers Office will continue to work together to provide the best services possible to reduce and minimize the societal costs of red light violations that cause collisions in our community. By not implementing an automated enforcement program we will have missed an opportunity to reduce traffic collisions that endanger life and property and the potential to generate some additional revenues that could be used to improve traffic safety.

FISCAL IMPACTS

The proposed project will be conducted by the Redflex at no expense to the City for installation of equipment, conducting of a public education program, or processing of the citations. The first 18 months of the program Redflex will receive a majority of the revenue generated by the program to offset the initial set-up costs. After the initial 18 months, the City will receive a substantial portion of the revenues as outlined in the following table:

Contract Time Period	Redflex	City
First Year		
- Revenue in %	85.85%	14.15%
- Revenue in \$	\$5,093,457	\$839,516
Second Year		
- Revenue in % (first 6 mo.)	85.85%	14.15%
- Revenue in \$ (first 6 mo.)	\$1,910,047	\$314,818
- Revenue in % (second 6 mo.)	23.99%	76.01%
- Revenue in \$ (second 6 mo.)	\$533,745	\$1,691,120
- Project Management Fee (second 6 mo.)	\$25,000	N/A
Second Year Total	\$2,468,792	\$2,005,938
Remaining Contract Period Per Year		
- Revenue in %	23.99%	76.01%
- Revenue in \$	\$854,005	\$2,705,832
- Project Management Fee	\$50,000	N/A
Third-Fifth Year Total	\$2,712,015	\$8,117,496
Total Revenue for Five Year Contract	\$10,274,264	\$10,962,950

The anticipated revenues are based on the following:

- 20 approaches
- 20 violations per approach per day for the first year
- 15 violations per approach per day for the second year
- 12 violations per approach per day for the third through fifth years
- Issuing 60% of violations recorded
- Conviction rate of 85%
- 40% of convictions attend traffic school or reduced/no fine (no revenue to City)
- \$132.80 paid per paid conviction (not attend traffic school)

Last year the City received approximately \$140,000 in red light violation citations. This additional revenue can be used for a variety of traffic safety and enforcement programs.

DISCUSSION

As directed, requests for proposals were distributed to qualified vendors in February, 1999. Proposals were received and Redflex, USA, Inc. met all of the conditions of the request. Contract language and insurance was reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

The Council is being asked to schedule conduct a public hearing to receive comments concerning the use of automated enforcement systems in the community. Then approve the entering into an agreement with Redflex, USA, Inc. for a 5-year period to install, maintain and administrate an automated red light enforcement program for a percentage of "collected" revenues over an amortized period to cover capital expenditures and associated costs of installation.

The automated enforcement system will monitor through lanes and left turn lanes on 20 intersection approaches at the highest accident and violation intersections in the City. The program is being initiated in an attempt to reduce accidents due to red light violations. If the City Council approves the attached agreement, there will be a period of design, construction, and public education, as well as a one-month period of warning notices prior to issuance of any violation citations. It is anticipated that the first units will be in operation beginning in Fall, 2000.

When a violation is recorded by the system the following events will take place:

1. The system will save an encrypted image and violation information.
2. Information will be sent to a central processing location, which will produce a Notice to Appear. A sample Notice to Appear is attached. Violations will be screened to ensure accurate data and actual violation.

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3. The Notice to Appear will be mailed to the violator (owner of vehicle) within 10 days of the violation.
4. The digital photographs will be available for review at the City's Police Department or local Redflex office.
5. The violator may choose to appear in court or pay the fine.
6. If violator is convicted or decides to pay, the violation fine is currently \$271.00 of which the City receives \$132.80.

The vendor, Redflex, will be responsible for design, construction, and operation of the system as well as the public information process. The public information process will consist of local radio, TV, and newspaper advertisement, local newspaper articles, an article that can be mailed out with utility bills, and an article for the City Newsletter. In addition, signs will be posted at the City limits that will inform the motoring public that intersections in the City may be enforced by automated photo enforcement.

Prepared by: Lt. Brad Talbot
for

Police Chief

Reviewed as to fiscal impacts

J. William Little, Interim Administrative Services Director

FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Office of the City Manager

Code of Civil Procedure: 1013: Service by mail, 1013a: Proof of service by mail

1013. (a) In case of service by mail, the notice or other paper must be deposited in a post office, mailbox, subpost office, substation, or mail chute, or other like facility regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service, in a sealed envelope, with postage paid, addressed to the person on whom it is to be served, at the office address as last given by that person on any document filed in the cause and served on the party making service by mail; otherwise at that party's place of residence. The service is complete at the time of the deposit, but any period of notice and any right or duty to do any act or make any response within any period or on a date certain after the service of the document, which time period or date is prescribed by statute or rule of court, shall be extended five days, upon service by mail, if the place of address is within the State of California, 10 days if the place of address is outside the State of California but within the United States, and 20 days if the place of address is outside the United States, but the extension shall not apply to extend the time for filing notice of intention to move for new trial, notice of intention to vacate judgment pursuant to Section 663a, or notice of appeal. This extension applies in the absence of a specific exception provided for by this section or other statute or rule of court.

(b) The copy of the notice or other paper served by mail pursuant to this chapter shall bear a notation of the date and place of mailing or be accompanied by an unsigned copy of the affidavit or certificate of mailing.

(c) In case of service by Express Mail, the notice or other paper must be deposited in a post office, mailbox, subpost office, substation, or mail chute, or other like facility regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service for receipt of Express Mail, in a sealed envelope, with Express Mail postage paid, addressed to the person on whom it is to be served, at the office address as last given by that person on any document filed in the cause and served on the party making service by Express Mail; otherwise at that party's place of residence. In case of service by another method of delivery providing for overnight delivery, the notice or other paper must be deposited in a box or other facility regularly maintained by the express service carrier, or delivered to an authorized courier or driver authorized by the express service carrier to receive documents, in an envelope or package designated by the express service carrier with delivery fees paid or provided for, addressed to the person on whom it is to be served, at the office address as last given by that person on any document filed in the cause and served on the party making service; otherwise at that party's place of residence. The service is complete at the time of the deposit, but any period of notice and any right or duty to do any act or make any response within any period or on a date certain after the service of the document served by Express Mail or other method of delivery providing for overnight delivery shall be extended by two court days, but the extension shall not apply to extend the time for filing notice of intention to move for new trial, notice of intention to vacate judgment pursuant to Section 663a, or notice of appeal. This extension applies in the absence of a specific exception provided for by this section or other statute or rule of court.

(d) The copy of the notice or other paper served by Express Mail or another means of delivery providing for overnight delivery pursuant to this chapter shall bear a notation of the date and place of deposit or be accompanied by an unsigned copy of the affidavit or certificate of deposit.

(e) Service by facsimile transmission shall be permitted only where the parties agree and a written confirmation of that agreement is made. The Judicial Council may adopt rules implementing the service of documents by facsimile transmission and may provide a form for the confirmation of the agreement required by this subdivision. In case of service by

facsimile transmission, the notice or other paper must be transmitted to a facsimile machine maintained by the person on whom it is served at the facsimile machine telephone number as last given by that person on any document which he or she has filed in the cause and served on the party making the service. The service is complete at the time of transmission, but any period of notice and any right or duty to do any act or make any response within any period or on a date certain after the service of the document, which time period or date is prescribed by statute or rule of court, shall be extended, after service by facsimile transmission, by two court days, but the extension shall not apply to extend the time for filing notice of intention to move for new trial, notice of intention to move to vacate judgment pursuant to Section 663a, or notice of appeal. This extension applies in the absence of a specific exception provided for by this section or other statute or rule of court.

(f) The copy of the notice or other paper served by facsimile transmission pursuant to this chapter shall bear a notation of the date and place of transmission and the facsimile telephone number to which transmitted or be accompanied by an unsigned copy of the affidavit or certificate of transmission which shall contain the facsimile telephone number to which the notice or other paper was transmitted.

(g) Subdivisions (b), (d), and (f) are directory.

1013a. Proof of service by mail may be made by one of the following methods:

- (1) An affidavit setting forth the exact title of the document served and filed in the cause, showing the name and residence or business address of the person making the service, showing that he or she is a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurs, that he or she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to the cause, and showing the date and place of deposit in the mail, the name and address of the person served as shown on the envelope, and also showing that the envelope was sealed and deposited in the mail with the postage thereon fully prepaid.
- (2) A certificate setting forth the exact title of the document served and filed in the cause, showing the name and business address of the person making the service, showing that he or she is an active member of the State Bar of California and is not a party to the cause, and showing the date and place of deposit in the mail, the name and address of the person served as shown on the envelope, and also showing that the envelope was sealed and deposited in the mail with the postage thereon fully prepaid.
- (3) An affidavit setting forth the exact title of the document served and filed in the cause, showing (A) the name and residence or business address of the person making the service, (B) that he or she is a resident of, or employed in, the county where the mailing occurs, (C) that he or she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to the cause, (D) that he or she is readily familiar with the business' practice for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service, (E) that the correspondence would be deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business, (F) the name and address of the person served as shown on the envelope, and the date and place of business where the correspondence was placed for deposit in the United States Postal Service, and (G) that the envelope was sealed and placed for collection and mailing on that date following ordinary business practices. Service made pursuant to this paragraph, upon motion of a party served, shall be presumed invalid if the postal cancellation date or postage meter date on the envelope is more than one day after the date of deposit for mailing contained in the affidavit.

(4) In case of service by the clerk of a court of record, a certificate by that clerk setting forth the exact title of the document served and filed in the cause, showing the name of the clerk and the name of the court of which he or she is the clerk, and that he or she is not a party to the cause, and showing the date and place of deposit in the mail, the name and address of the person served as shown on the envelope, and also showing that the envelope was sealed and deposited in the mail with the postage thereon fully prepaid. This form of proof is sufficient for service of process in which the clerk or deputy clerk signing the certificate places the document for collection and mailing on the date shown thereon, so as to cause it to be mailed in an envelope so sealed and so addressed on that date following standard court practices. Service made pursuant to this paragraph, upon motion of a party served and a finding of good cause by the court, shall be deemed to have occurred on the date of postage cancellation or postage meter imprint as shown on the envelope if that date is more than one day after the date of deposit for mailing contained in the certificate.

VC§ 21455.5. Automated Traffic Enforcement System

- (a) The limit line, the intersection, or other places designated in Section 21455 where a driver is required to stop may be equipped with an automated enforcement system if the system is identified by signs, clearly indicating the system's presence, visible to traffic approaching from all directions, or if signs are posted at all major entrances to the city, including, at a minimum, freeways, bridges, and state highway routes.

Any city utilizing an automated traffic enforcement system at intersections shall, prior to issuing citations, commence a program to issue only warning notices for 30 days. The local jurisdiction shall also make a public announcement of the automated traffic enforcement system at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the enforcement program.

Only a governmental agency, in cooperation with a law enforcement agency, may operate an automated enforcement system.

- (b) Notwithstanding Section 6253 of the Government Code, or any other provision of law, photographic records made by an automated enforcement system shall be confidential, and shall be made available only to governmental agencies and law enforcement agencies for the purposes of this article.
- (c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the registered owner or any individual identified by the registered owner as the driver of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation shall be permitted to review the photographic evidence of the alleged violation.

*Am 1998 SB 1136 Ch. 54
Ad 1995*

VC§ 21455.6. Automated Enforcement Systems: Public Hearing Required; Photo Radar not Authorized [Added 1998]

- (a) A city council or county board of supervisors shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed use of automated enforcement systems authorized pursuant to Section 21455.5 prior to that city or county entering into a contract for the use of those systems.
- (b) The authorization in Section 21455.5 to use automated enforcement systems does not authorize the use of photo radar by any jurisdiction.

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LOOP SPECIFICATION



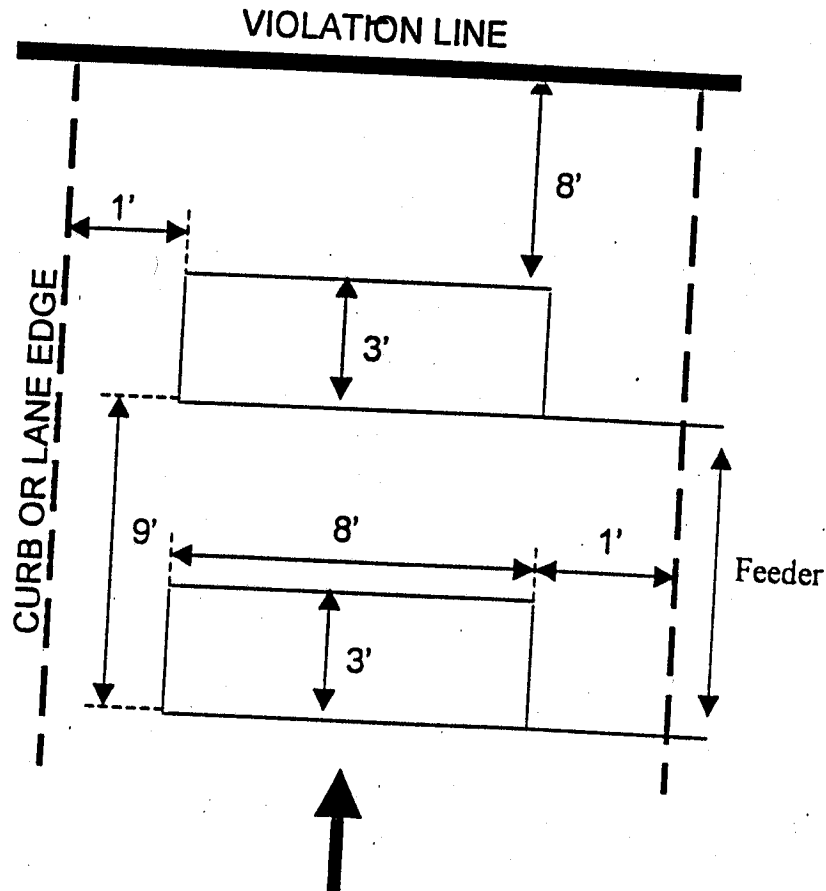
REDFLEX
TRAFFIC SYSTEMS

Red-light Vehicle Detection Inductive Loops

SMARTCAMred utilizes two four-channel microprocessor based vehicle detectors, built to the NEMA format. The function of the detector is to detect vehicle presence by means of an inductance change caused by a vehicle passing over a loop buried in the road surface.

Configuration

For red light enforcement, SMARTCAMred requires the installation two loops in each monitored lane to determine vehicle presence, speed and length. The first of the two loops shall be 8' from stop bar or violation line, the second leading edge a further 9' from the first leading edge.



Red-light loop configuration

The placing of the two loops such that the distance between the leading edges of each loop is 9' apart provides a known distance (that is accurate enough) to calculate vehicle speed and length. The above figure illustrates this further.

Each enforcement loop is rectangular in shape with dimension 8'x3'. The spacing between the curb and/or lane edge must be 1'.

Enforcement Loops Installation Guidelines

To achieve optimum performance of the detector is largely dependent on factors associated with the inductive sensor loop connected to it. These factors include choice of material, loop configuration and correct installation practice. A successful inductive loop vehicle detection system can be achieved bearing the following operational constraints in mind, and strictly following the installation instructions.

Crosstalk

When two loop configurations are in close proximity, the magnetic fields of one can overlap and disturb the field of the other. This phenomenon, known as crosstalk, can cause false detection and detector lock-up affecting the reliability of SMARTCAMred ability in correctly detecting red light offending vehicles. Crosstalk between adjacent loops operating from different detectors module can be eliminated by:

1. Careful choice of operating frequency whereby the closer together the two loops, the further apart the frequencies of operation must be.
2. Separation between adjacent loops is at least 2' apart.
3. Careful screening of feeder cables if they are routed together with other electrical cables. The screen should only be grounded to earth at the detector end.

Reinforcing

The existence of reinforced steel below the road surface has the effect of reducing the inductance, and therefore the sensitivity, of the loop detection system. In circumstances where this situation is unavoidable an extra two turns should be added to the normal loop.

The ideal minimum spacing between the loop, cable and steel reinforcing is 150mm, although this is not always possible. The slot depth should be kept as shallow as possible, taking care that the loop cable does not remain exposed after the sealing compound is applied.

Loop and Feeder Specification

The loop and feeder (DLC) should ideally constitute single, continuous length of insulated copper conductor with a minimum rating of 15A. Where loops are joined to the screened feeder cable, these joins are to be soldered and terminated in a waterproof junction box. This is extremely important for reliable detector performance.

Compliance To Standards

Typical inductor standards require the following conductor characteristics. However, local or State level standards such as CalTrans should be adhered to and the following disregarded.

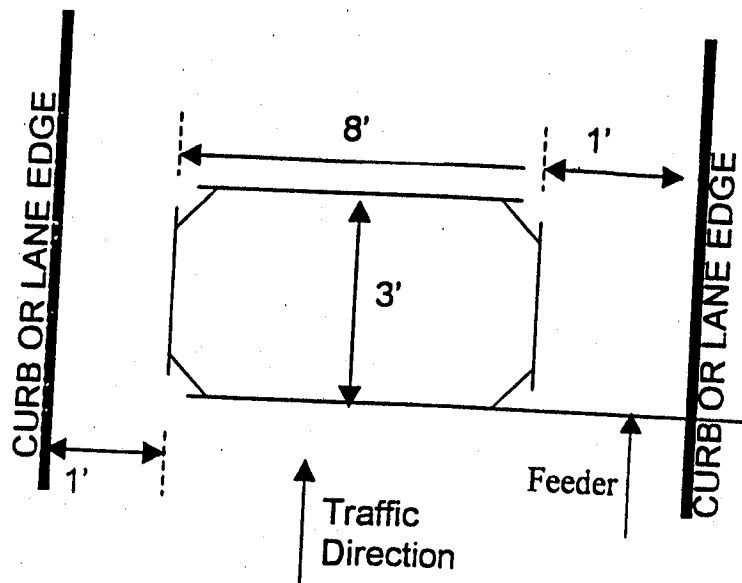
The core conductor that has the specific function of conveying signal-loop current should be of annealed copper and comprise of seven wires having a nominal cross-sectional area of 1.5mm².

The drain conductor that has the specific function of ensuring electrical continuity of the tape metallic screen throughout the length of cable should be of tinned annealed copper comprising of seven wires having a nominal cross-sectional area of 0.35mm². The drain conductor should be located on the metallic side of the tape screen and be in electrical contact with the screen throughout the cable. The insulation should be low-density polyethylene (type 03). The average thickness of insulation should be less than 0.4mm with the thickness at any point not less than 0.3mm.

Sensing Loop Geometry

The following loop geometry and specification should be observed to ensure optimum detection performance.

1. The sensing loops should, unless site conditions prohibit, be rectangular in shape and should normally be installed with the longest side at right angle to the direction of traffic movement.
2. The feeder length of each loop should not be greater than 500 feet.
3. The length of the loop is governed by the width of the roadway or lane being monitored but should reach to within 1ft of each edge of the roadway.
4. In general, loops having a circumference measuring greater than 30 feet should be installed using two turns of wire, while loops less than 30 feet should have three turns. Loops with circumferences measuring less than 20 feet should have four turns. It is good practice at time of installation to construct closely spaced adjacent loops with alternative three and four turn windings.



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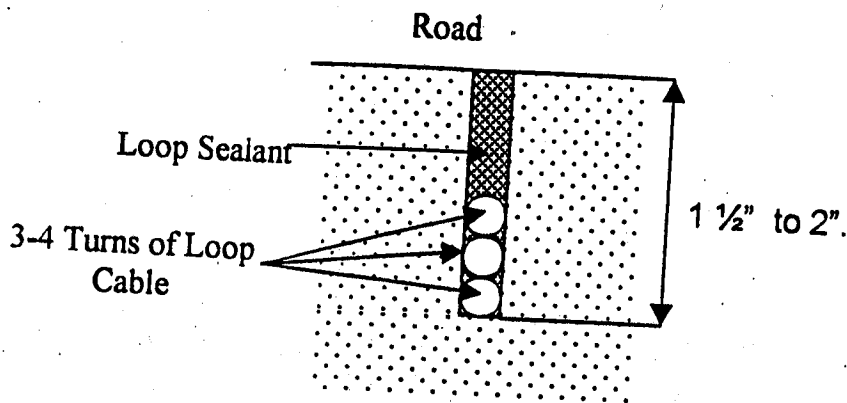
Loop Installation

All permanent loop installations should be installed in the roadway by cutting slots with masonry cutting disc or similar device. A 45° crosscut should be made across the loop corners to reduce the chance of damage that can be caused to the loop at right angle corners.

NOMINAL SLOT WIDTH: $\frac{1}{4}$ "

NOMINAL SLOT DEPTH: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 2"

A slot must be cut from the loop circumference at one corner of the loop to the roadway edge to accommodate the feeder.



Loop installation

A continuous loop and feeder is obtained by leaving a tail long enough to reach the detector before inserting the cable into the loop slot. Once the required number of turns of wire is wound into the slot around the loop circumference, the wire is routed again via the feeder slot to the roadway edge. A similar length is allowed to reach the detector and these two free ends are twisted together to ensure they remain in close proximity to one another (minimum 20 turns per yard).

The maximum recommended loop feeder length is 300 yards.

It should be noted that the loop sensitivity decreases as the feeder length increases, so ideally the feeder should be kept as short as possible.

The loops are sealed using a quickset black epoxy compound or hot bitumen mastic to blend with the roadway surface. The sealant should completely cover the loops protecting them from any water seepage. The loops should be snugly packed into the slot. The slot itself should be dry before applying.