



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 4, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Submitted by: Terrance Davis, Director of Public Works

Subject: Contract: Edgeworth Integration, LLC for Installation of Security Cameras at Council-Approved Intersections; and Authorizing Additional External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras

RECOMMENDATION

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Edgeworth Integration, LLC for purchase and installation of External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras at fifteen council-approved locations, for an amount not to exceed \$850,000.
2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the installation of additional External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras under this contract scope should they be approved by City Council, included in the Surveillance Policy and funding appropriated.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Estimated one-time costs to purchase and install cameras are estimated between \$44,000 to \$55,000 per intersection. Total costs would vary based on the number of intersections selected. Specifically, total one-time costs for the fifteen previously selected intersections already selected by Council would cost approximately \$750,000.

Funding in the amount of \$600,000 is available in the FY 2024 baseline Public Works budget General Fund 011. (budget code: 011-54-624-694-0000-000-412-612990). Additional funds will be appropriated through the FY 2025 budget process.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On October 12, 2021, council approved a budget referral for the installation of External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras, prominent signage, and increased lighting in public right-of-way intersections experiencing a rise in violent crime. The referral approved installation of security cameras at the following intersections:

- University & 6<sup>th</sup>
- Ashby & 7<sup>th</sup>
- Ashby & Claremont

- Ashby & College
- Ashby & Sacramento
- Ashby & San Pablo
- Dwight & San Pablo
- Dwight & 7th
- University & San Pablo
- King & 62<sup>nd</sup>

Public Works executed contract No. 32400010 on July 18, 2023 for the purchase and installation of a surveillance camera at the University & 6<sup>th</sup> intersection. Approval of these Resolutions will allow for the purchase and installation of approved cameras at all other Council-approved locations. Cameras for this project will be compatible with those already in use at San Pablo Park under Contract Nos. 31900080 and 31900205 along with those deployed at University and 6<sup>th</sup> under Contract No. 32400010. Edgeworth Integration, LLC was the contractor for these projects. Public Works estimates that remaining cameras will be purchased and installed by June 30, 2024 if the Resolutions are approved. Beyond the initial purchase and installation, City of Berkeley's Public Works Department will be in charge of maintenance for the installed cameras.

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council approved of a budget referral for the installation of additional External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras at the following intersections:

- Alcatraz & Adeline
- Alcatraz & College
- Alcatraz & Sacramento
- San Pablo & Gilman
- Woolsey & Telegraph
- Woolsey & Shattuck

Council at this January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting also approved these additional locations to be considered for potential future installations:

- Telegraph and Dwight
- 5th Street and Gilman
- 4th Street and Hearst
- Cedar St. and East shore Hwy
- 4th Street and Virginia
- 8th Street and Harrison
- 2nd Street and Page
- University and San Pablo

The additional sites approved on the January 30<sup>th</sup> Council meeting are currently factored into the proposed Edgeworth contract scope and would be installed sometime

in FY 2025 if the previously requested funding is provided. This contract will allow Public Works to install additional cameras quickly if any of those sites are approved by Council.

Security camera footage would be used solely for the purpose of solving criminal investigations. The cameras are not intended and would not be used for continuous surveillance purposes nor will contain License Plate Reader technology or software.

This supports the Strategic Plan Goal of creating a resilient, safe, connected, and prepared City

### BACKGROUND

A 2011 report<sup>1</sup> from The Urban Institute's Justice Policy Center noted that cameras can be an effective tool for preventing crimes and supporting investigations. These tools appear fiscally prudent both as tools for investigations, and with the installation and maintenance of security cameras being less costly than the costs associated with crimes that may take place without them. Moreover, an experiment conducted at the University of Twente in the Netherlands finds evidence that the presence of security cameras can encourage "prosocial" and "helping behavior" among bystanders.<sup>2</sup>

Berkeley's Police Department has been conducting Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessments for neighborhoods throughout the City over the past several years. These assessments include recommendations such as: increased lighting, maintenance of properties, landscaping and signage that can be used to deter criminal behavior.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identified environmental or climate impacts associated with the subject of this report.

### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

These Resolutions will allow Public Works to start installation at the fourteen Council-approved intersections. The installation of security cameras at select intersections has been a Council Directive since 2021. The initial ten locations selected for installation of cameras were approved in October 2021 and an additional six locations were selected in January 2024.

On December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Council approved an Amendment to FY 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance, which allocated \$1.3 million in funds towards the

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<sup>1</sup> La Vigne, N. G., et al. (2011). Evaluating the use of public surveillance cameras for crime control and prevention. *Washington, DC: US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Urban Institute, Justice Policy Center, 1-152.*

<sup>2</sup> Van Rompay, T. J., et al. (2009). The eye of the camera: Effects of security cameras on prosocial behavior. *Environment and Behavior, 41(1), 60-74.*

Surveillance Camera project. However, Public Works could not start fully on this project as the City had to develop and approve a Surveillance Camera Policy before work could begin. On June 13, 2023, Council approved Acquisition and Use Policies for External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras and Unmanned Aerial System, which now allows Public Works to begin work on these installations.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution – Contract: Edgeworth Integration, LLC for Purchase and Installation of External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras at Fifteen Council-Approved Locations
- 2: Resolution - Approving Installation of Future Security Cameras at Select Intersections as Approved by Council

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

CONTRACT: EDGEWORTH INTEGRATION, LLC FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EXTERNAL FIXED VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AT FIFTEEN COUNCIL-APPROVED LOCATIONS

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2018, City Council adopted Ordinance NO. 7,592-N.S., the Surveillance Technology Use and Community Safety Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2018, City Council approved the installation of cameras in San Pablo Park, and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2019, the City and Edgeworth Integration, LLC entered into Contract No. 31900080 for the purchase and installation of a video surveillance system at San Pablo Park; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2021, City Council adopted a budget referral for the purchase and installation of External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras at ten City of Berkeley intersections; and

WHEREAS, on December 13th, 2021, Council approved Ordinance NO. 7,795-N.S. which amended the FY 2022 Annual Appropriations Ordinance NO. 7,779-N.S. and allocated \$1.3 million in funds towards the purchase and installation of Public Safety Surveillance Cameras at City Council approved locations; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution NO. 70,895-N.S., which approved the Acquisition and Use Policies for External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras and Unmanned Aerial System; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2024, City Council adopted a budget referral for the purchase and installation of External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras at six additional City of Berkeley intersections and additional camera locations to be considered for installation for eight other intersections; and

WHEREAS, \$600,000 in funding is available in the amount of \$600,000 is available in the FY 2024 baseline Public Works budget General Fund 011; and

WHEREAS, additional funding will be procured through the FY 2025 budget process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Council authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with Edgeworth Integration, LLC for installation of External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras at fifteen council-approved locations, for an amount not to exceed \$850,000.

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

APPROVING INSTALLATION OF FUTURE SECURITY CAMERAS AT SELECT INTERSECTIONS AS APPROVED BY COUNCIL

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WHEREAS, on June 13, 2023, City Council adopted Resolution NO. 70,895-N.S., which approved the Acquisition and Use Policies for External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras and Unmanned Aerial System; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2024, City Council adopted a budget referral for the purchase and installation of External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras at six additional City of Berkeley intersections and additional security cameras to be considered for installation for eight other intersections.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that Council authorizes the City Manager to approve the installation of External Fixed Video Surveillance Cameras at future to-be-determined intersections if approved by City Council.