

26. RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAMME

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of an invitation made by LTM Australia Ltd to Councillor Ingrid Stonhill, Chairperson, Christchurch Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee, to visit Melbourne to view the red light camera trials being undertaken by that company.

LTM, a joint venture company between Lockheed Martin and Tenix Piety Ltd, has been involved with the Victorian Police and Victorian State Government in road safety programmes for the last four years. They have provided an 'end to end' service in respect to speed and red light camera enforcement and are currently undertaking trials at a number of metropolitan Melbourne intersections on speed/red light camera technology provided by four different vendors for the Victorian State Government.

The trial, in addition to evaluating technology, also involves an analysis of the impact on driver behaviour and road safety. A visit would afford the opportunity to learn from their experiences and to gain knowledge of how they might possibly be of assistance in the Christchurch situation.

Given the high accident rate at Christchurch intersections the trial is of obvious interest to the city and the invitation is referred to the Committee to obtain its support for further discussion by staff with LTM and to decide on any acceptance of the invitation by LTM.

It is possible that representatives of the New Zealand Police, Ministry of Transport and Land Transport Safety Authority will also be involved in any visit and evaluation.

The costs of a two-day per person visit to Melbourne are estimated to be:

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| Airfares | \$700 |
| Accommodation | \$600 |
| Miscellaneous | \$200 |
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| Total | \$1,500 |
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This would be a charge against the Councillors overseas travel budget.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** For discussion.