



April 29, 2016

REF: ATE Information Request

State Traffic Engineer Tim Crouch
Iowa Department of Transportation
Office of Traffic and Safety, Iowa DOT
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Tim:

Please find the following information in response to your request for statistical data concerning the City of Sioux City's Automatic Traffic Enforcement Systems (hereinafter "ATE" or "ATEs"). The City is providing this information to you based upon the need for future cooperation between our agencies, and based upon our prior history of cooperation. The City of Sioux City is committed to its continuing efforts to increase the safety of the public and persons involved in construction, reconstruction, and travel along our primary roadways.

Please be advised that the City's response to the Iowa DOT's request for information should not be seen as an indication that the City agrees with the Iowa DOT's attempt to implement rules governing the use of ATEs by Cities within the State of Iowa. The City maintains that the Iowa DOT does not have the authority to issue such rules outside and apart from any lawful rulemaking authority or legislative action. Additionally, the City maintains that the rules do not constitute lawful authority which may govern the City on the placement and operation of the City's ATE's.

Without acknowledging that the request for information or the resulting report is or can be lawfully required of the City by the Iowa DOT, and reserving all rights related thereto, the City of Sioux City respectfully provides the following public records to IDOT. This report will only cover the two approaches approved by the Iowa DOT for continued operation.

The City of Sioux City currently operates; two (2) Iowa DOT approved fixed red light photo enforcement systems on the primary road extensions within the city limits of City of Sioux City.

Red Light ATE's

The red light systems are located at; Gordon Drive and Palmetto for westbound traffic and Gordon Drive and Fairmount for west bound traffic. IDOT preapproved each installation and IDOT approved signage is posted before each approach. All violations are approved by sworn Sioux City Police Officers.

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****Traffic patterns in Sioux City have significantly changed due to length traffic delays during the I-29 reconstruction project. In particular a significant amount of traffic has stopped using I-29 and started using Gordon Drive.**

Red Light Violation History:

Intersection:

	Gordon Dr.\ Palmetto:	Gordon Dr.\ Fairmount:
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Pre-deployment Accident History:

2007:	3	10
2008:	4	9
Date On-Line:	06/26/09	06/26/09
12 HR Survey:	14	14
2009 Violations Issued:	479	458
2009 Daily Violation Avg:	2.53	2.42
Accidents (all causes):	2	3
Accidents (red light running):	0	1
2010 Total Violations Issued:	540	164**
2010 Daily Violation Average:	1.48	.45**
Accidents (all causes):	1	5
Accidents (red light running):	0	1
2011 Total Violations Issued:	407	176**
2011 Daily Violation Average:	1.12	.48**
Accidents (all causes):	1	3
Accidents (red light running):	1	1
2012 Total Violations Issued:	395*	687***
2012 Daily Violation Average:	1.30	1.88
Accidents (all causes):	2	3
Accidents (red light running):	0	0

Conclusion:

This report confirms that deploying ATEs on the primary roadways has increased safety at those locations. Additionally, ATE deployment has also raised overall driver awareness and resulted in improved safety and a reduction in overall traffic violations in locations that are not monitored by ATEs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melvin Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Melvin Williams
Captain