

San José City Council

# San José Police Department Illegal Street Racing and Sideshows

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Item: 4.1



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# What are Sideshows and Street Racing?

Vehicles that willfully participate in speed contests, including street racing, drag racing, or exhibition of speed.



- Growing Issue
- Large Crowds
- Violence is Prevalent
- Locations Vary
- Times Vary



# How do Sideshows & Street Races Impact You?

- **Blocked Roadways:** Emergency Services are completely shut off from roadways, often without notice, impacting police, fire, and medical responses.
- **Dangerous Events:** Collisions, violence, shootings, and fights occur. Participants and spectators are hospitalized or killed.
- **Officer Injuries:** Officers assaulted by participants and spectators.
- **Public Damage:** Police vehicles, streets, signs, light posts, and signal lights.
- **Private Damage:** Fences, houses, landscaping, and parked vehicles.
- **Nuisances:** Noise from engines and tires.



Photo from Sideshow/street race on March 12, 2021



# Department's Response

- SJPD's Racing Enforcement Detail
- Use of Police Overtime
- Pulling Resources from Various Watches
- Spectator Ordinance Enforcement
- Multi-Agency Task-Force Approach
- Deterrence Through Outreach Campaigns

# What We Need

- Additional Overtime for Enforcement
- Additional Overtime for Impounds
- ALPRs
- Physical Deterrents (DOT)
- Promoter Ordinance
- Regional Task Force Approach
  - State, County, and Local Participation
- City Attorney's Office/Support





# Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)



Mobile - Stationary

Mobile



Stationary

The Racer Detail may use LPR data to assist with investigations leading to 30-day impounds for participants of sideshows and street racing.

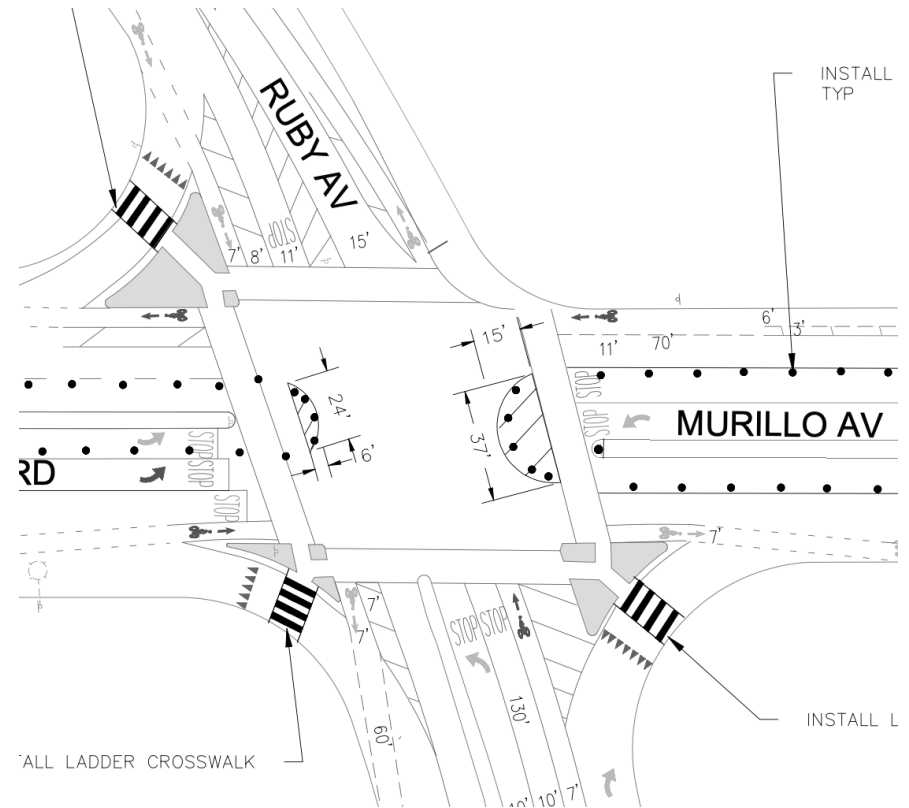
The data may be used for investigations of violent crimes.

RETENTION: Consistent with our current policies and procedures, ALPR Data is maintained for 1 year, then automatically purged.



# Physical Deterrents (DOT)

- 5 initial pilot locations
- Use quick-build materials
- Vision Zero Safety Team



# Conclusion

- The Police Department will continue strategies currently in use.
- The Administration will bring forward a budget proposal as part of the City Manager's 2021-2022 Proposed Budget to fund:
  - Additional overtime for enforcement
  - Additional overtime for impounds
  - Stationary ALPRs
  - Physical Deterrents
- Additional Strategies:
  - Promoter Ordinance
  - Regional Task Force
  - City Attorney's Office support



# Questions?

