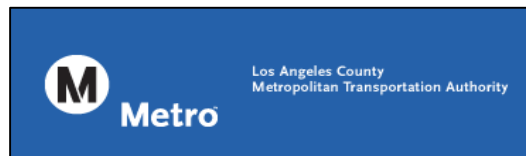


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Photo Enforcement Program Monthly Executive Summary



December 2009

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Executive Summary

ACS is pleased to present this monthly executive summary, along with the monthly metrics and analysis reports, for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Photo Enforcement Services. This summary and the associated monthly metrics reports include photo enforcement related details for the Blue and Gold Line dedicated light rail corridors as well as the Orange Line dedicated bus route.

MTA Blue Line

In December 2009, the photo enforcement project for the MTA Blue Line captured a total of 4,137 events. Of these, 627 were recorded as violations and 3,510 were non-violations. A total number of 267 citations have been issued reflecting an issuance rate of 43% and a controllable issuance rate of 67%.

There was a dramatic decrease in LASD expired citations this month compared to the 3 month average (1 in December vs. a three month average of 27). As a result, issuance for the month was higher than last month (267 versus 185 in November) when there was a spike in LASD expired citations (49).

There were 54 events categorized as equipment malfunctions at location 2003 (EB to NB Washington @ Los Angeles). This was due to a film jam that occurred between 12/1 and 12/3. It was discovered during the next routine camera servicing on 12/4 and corrected. No other film jams occurred after.

MTA Orange Line

In December 2009, the photo enforcement project for the MTA Orange Line captured a total of 3,360 events -- of these: 1,937 were recorded as violations and 1,423 were non-violations. A total number of 1,086 citations have been issued reflecting an issuance rate of 56% and a controllable issuance rate of 87%.

There was a very slight decrease in vehicle counts, month over month, from November to December (an average daily rate in December of 222,625 versus an average daily rate in November of 225,079). This does not correlate with the slight increase in events/violations/citations, as in prior months. However the results are not conclusive due to the extremely small shifts (less than 1% in both instances) and does not take away from the correlation between the two statistics that normally occurs each month.

MTA Gold Line

In December 2009, the first month of live enforcement for the Gold Line, the photo enforcement project captured a total of 5,805 events between December 19th and December 31st. Of these 418 were recorded as violations while 5,387 were non-violations. A total of 160 citations were issued reflecting an issuance rate of 38% and a controllable issuance rate of 82%.

In general the systems and equipment in the field are functioning as expected. We did make some expected adjustments during the first part of December, to fine tune the systems, that should help to drive down non-violations and improve the issuance rate going forward. We are also working in conjunction with the LASD and the city/county engineers to improve amber phase transmission from the city/county controllers to our equipment. Due to the typical 100th of a second delay that can occur as the signal is being transmitted from the city/county controller, we are experiencing scattered readings under the 3.0 second amber phase at 3 locations: WB to SB 1st & Utah, WB to SB 3rd & McDonnell, and WB to SB 3rd & Arizona. We hope to have a solution in place soon.

Due to a delay in completing data file transmission testing with the LA County courts, the court will only allow citations issued after 12/19/2009 to be submitted to them for processing. They have deemed this date the official start date for the program. As a result, we were required to dismiss 198 citations that were issued between 12/1/2009 (the original start date of the program) and 12/18/2009. This should be a one time occurrence, related to the initial start up of operations, that will not affect future issuance.

In the News - Photo Enforcement Around the Country

Governor Wants To Catch Speeders With Red-Light Cameras to Help Balance Budget

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California drivers could get stuck with speeding tickets even with nary a cop in sight under a proposal tucked deep in the budget Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger unveiled today.

The Republican governor wants to let cities and counties install speed sensors in red-light cameras to ticket speeding drivers. Those whizzing by the detectors up to 15 mph above the limit would have to fork over \$225 per violation. Those going faster than that would pay \$325 under the plan.

Red-light cameras already exist in communities across the Southland, from Beverly Hills to Yucaipa. The governor wants to install speed detectors in 500 of those cameras, which would nab an estimated 2.4 million speeding violators per year, according to the finance department estimates.

That would net cash-strapped California about \$337.9 million through June 2011. Every year after that, the program would generate nearly half a billion dollars, the finance department says. Local governments would get a cut of the proceeds.

-- Shane Goldmacher in Sacramento