

# Flock ALPR use in the City of Fort Collins

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- February 24: FCPS Executive Staff members met with City Council to provide overview of operations, protections, and efficacy of the Flock Safety Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system.
- March 5: Memorandum sent replying to numerous inquiries raised during February 24<sup>th</sup> work session
  - Council requested additional information regarding potential paths forward.
- Colorado Legislature bills (SB-070 and HB-1037) were postponed indefinitely for 2026 but may be reintroduced for the 2027 Session and could significantly affect warrant requirements for using this technology.
  - 2026 legislative session ends May 13<sup>th</sup>
- April 23: A similarly themed bill was introduced to the US House of Representatives.
- Finally, a local petition for a ballot initiative may result in significant changes in how this technology is selected and utilized in the City of Fort Collins.
  - Outcome may not be known until November

**Our purpose is to offer options for the Council to improve governance, while considering community concerns related to privacy, data use, and oversight and the Council's own priorities.**

## **Option 1: Continue Current Deployment While a Council Technology Policy and RFP Process are Completed**

- System could be utilized until contract ends on April 9, 2027, while Council develops technology use policy
- Request for Proposals (RFP) process can be launched to find best vendor for 2027
  - Flock is allowed to submit.
- Allows stability and next steps responsive to legislation and Council policy

## Option 2: Enhance Current Deployment with Additional Controls and Oversight

- Use current system while implementing additional controls and oversight
- Allows some stability while expanding trust and expediting completion of a Council technology use policy
- Reduce data retention from 30 to 23 days.
  - Reporting delays and time needed for investigative leads may make this difficult
  - 23-day retention may still allow them to find wanted vehicles before data is deleted
- Enhance remedies for misuse or unauthorized disclosure

Request city-preferred language increasing contractual consequences for mishandling or improperly disclosing sensitive information

  - Flock recently added language specifically for Commerce City.
- Enhance Audit Activity
  - Post current monthly audits to FCPS Transparency Page
  - Share audits with body identified by Council (e.g. Citizen Review Board)
  - Stronger audit-accountability language: Add detail to “complete and unaltered” access logs, tie access to case/incident numbers, and commit to auditor and public records obligations showing exactly how technology is used

## **Option 3: Discontinue Current Deployment and Initiate Competitive Procurement**

- Select new vendor through City's RFP process
  - Flock Safety cannot be excluded from that RFP process.
- Flock contract paid through April 2027, so funding would be lost
- FCPS could discontinue Flock leaving an investigative gap until the RFP process identifies a vendor
- Funding would be allocated for the 2027 budget and a new deployment.

## **Option 4: Eliminate ALPR for Police Services**

- If Council chooses to eliminate all ALPRs, it will impact the ability or timeliness of developing investigative leads in certain cases.
- FCPS previously listed and explained the weekly successes of these devices which result in the safe recovery of lost children, adults, and property as well as making criminal arrests.
  - Through mid-April 2026, Flock technology has been used in over 100 cases, approximately half resulted in a citation or arrest. Those cases include significant crime resolutions.
  - Local cases include serious crime resolutions, as noted during the District Attorney's comments to Council on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

- **Fort Collins Police Services and regional partners agree that retaining the use of ALPR systems is extremely beneficial to providing safety and the pursuit of justice in our city.**
- **FCPS leadership recommends retention of ALPR technology, while adding oversight and data protections to maintain the public's trust, as the City Council provides policy guidance on its use.**



**Thank you!**

