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In Reply Refer To:
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Ms. Catherine Crump
Staff Attorney
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
125 Broad Street, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Dear Ms. Crump:

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
Automatic License Plate Readers
Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Case Number: 2012-0448

This is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act received in this office August 3, 2012.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) does not procure or acquire Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) or data provided by ALPR technology. Also, FHWA does not develop, issue, or promote specifications for ALPR technologies or data. The State and local operating and enforcement agencies are responsible for all specifications, procurement, and operation of technologies such as ALPR. Therefore, we have no information relative to your questions numbered 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11.

Regarding questions numbered 1 and 10, while the procurement or acquisition of ALPR technology by State agencies may be eligible for FHWA funding reimbursement under appropriate Federal-aid programs authorized by legislation, there is no specific funding for ALPR or related technologies and no financial records are maintained by FHWA that provide that detailed level of information.

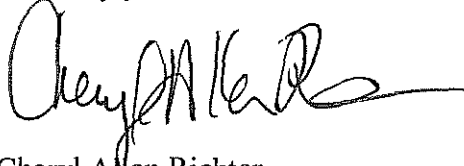
In response to question number 2, enclosed is a package of material provided by an ALPR vendor (Federal Signal) in 2009.

Pursuant to the regulations of DOT, 49 C.F.R 7.21, you have the right to appeal this response to Ms. Sarah J. Shores, FHWA Associate Administrator for Administration. The mailing address is:

Ms. Sarah J. Shores
FHWA Associate Administrator for Administration,
Federal Highway Administration, Room E64-312
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.,
Washington, D.C. 20590

Should you wish to appeal, Ms. Shores' decision will be administratively final. An appeal must be made in writing and submitted within 30 days after you receive this letter. The appeal should contain any information and arguments that you wish to rely on and the envelope in which the appeal is sent should be prominently marked "FOIA Appeal."

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl A. Richter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cheryl Allen Richter
Acting Director, Office of Transportation Management

Enclosure

cc: HCC-40 (Ron Gagnon, Room E82-125)