

Project Report

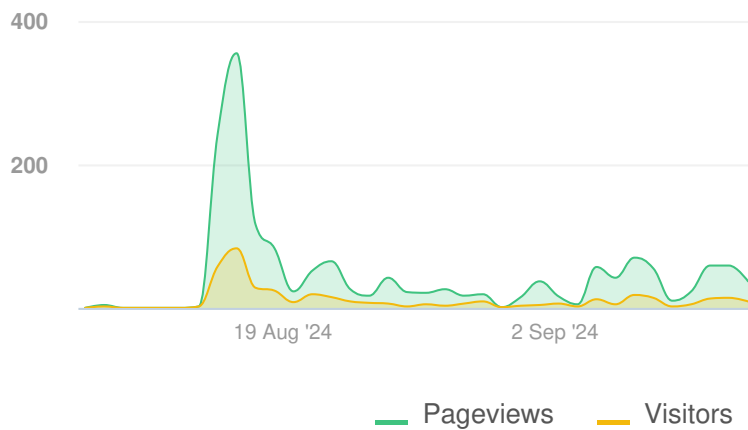
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City of Columbia, MO

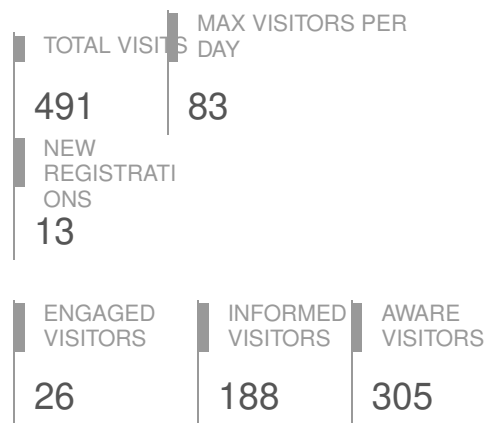
Flock Safety Cameras



Visitors Summary

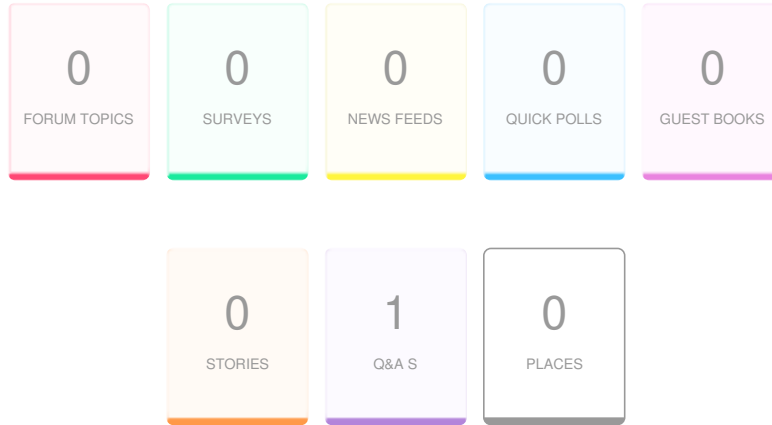


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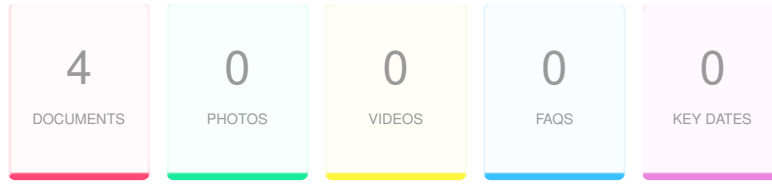
Aware Participants		Engaged Participants	
305		26	
Aware Actions Performed	Participants	Engaged Actions Performed	
Visited a Project or Tool Page	305	Registered	Unverified
Informed Participants	188	Anonymous	
Informed Actions Performed	Participants	Contributed on Forums	0
Viewed a video	0	Participated in Surveys	0
Viewed a photo	0	Contributed to Newsfeeds	0
Downloaded a document	68	Participated in Quick Polls	0
Visited the Key Dates page	19	Posted on Guestbooks	0
Visited an FAQ list Page	0	Contributed to Stories	0
Visited Instagram Page	0	Asked Questions	1
Visited Multiple Project Pages	149	Placed Pins on Places	0
Contributed to a tool (engaged)	26	Contributed to Ideas	25

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



Tool Type	Engagement Tool Name	Tool Status	Visitors	Contributors		
				Registered	Unverified	Anonymous
Qanda	Questions	Published	37	1	1	0
Ideas	Comments	Published	135	22	0	0

INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



Widget Type	Engagement Tool Name	Visitors	Views/Downloads
Document	Draft Ordinance.pdf	37	51
Document	Policy Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) and Fixed Camera Site...	33	42
Document	Procedure Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) and Fixed Camera S...	31	42
Document	Flock technology presentation to Columbia residents.pdf	17	19
Document	deleted document from	2	2
Document	deleted document from	1	1
Key Dates	Key Date	19	25

QANDA

Questions

Visitors 37	Contributors 2	CONTRIBUTIONS 2
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Q Porter51
15 August 24

How do you comment?

A Publicly Answered

Hello Porter51,Click on the "Comment" tab (next to the "Question" tab you used) and enter a comment. Thank you for your engagement!-Chief Jill Schlude

Q John H
16 August 24

I am highly in favor of this plan and hope it will be approved & implemented. I went to a presentation on 08/15. Having read through all of the material presented, I have some quest to improve my clarity: 1. With the maps presented, there are descriptors with each ward or CPD sectors/beats. Using Ward 2 as an example, there are 2 inter section packages. What is included in an intersection package? I'm assuming 4 LPRs or 1 each direction 2. The sepa rate listing of 4 LPRs. Are these readers placed elsewhere? Meaning separate from the intersection package? 3. Wha t is ongoing plan for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of each these equipment items? Thank you

A Publicly Answered

Hello John,An "intersection package" consists of 4 Falcon LPR cameras and 2 Condor fixed live-feed cameras that pr ovide for complete coverage of the intersection. The 4 Falcon LPR's listed for Ward 2 are placed in other locations an d are not part of the "intersection package". Those locations were determined by members of CPD Command Staff wit h the assistance of Flock engineers with a goal of covering main arterial roads. The maintenance of the cameras is in cluded in the contract pricing, which will be available when this goes to the City Council for discussion. Thank you for your engagement!-Chief Jill Schlude

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Comments

Visitors 135	Contributors 23	CONTRIBUTIONS 58
14 August 24 gmcox01 VOTES 3	I support installing these license-reading cameras.	
14 August 24 NickCharles VOTES 4	The potential for abuse is too high. This technology could easily be used as a surveillance tool against anyone the police - or a particular officer - doesn't like.	
15 August 24 waldondb VOTES 4	Absolutely not. This is just another step towards a s urveillance state. The ALPRs on police cars are alre ady an abuse. There is zero reason to contribute to such surveillance state tactics.	
15 August 24 Porter51 VOTES 0	I am in complete favor of the cameras. Columbia ha s become a criminal haven and it is time to provide a stop to it. Residents should not be opposed unless they have something about their vehicles bein g somewhere they shouldn't be.	
16 August 24 ronjon37 VOTES 2	These cameras record ALL license plates, not just o nes that are flagged. All data is accessible by all Flo ck law enforcement clients.	

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Comments

<p>16 August 24 jmuscato</p>	<p>Strongly in favor of technology that will help the police</p> <p>I went to the presentation regarding Flock cameras on August 15. I am strongly in favor of aids to CPD to help in investigations. Crime is an increasing problem in Columbia and we all need to work to bring this down. I hear the concerns about privacy, but these are in public areas where there is no expectation of privacy. We need to make citizens more comfortable to walk the streets and enjoy the city. We have to make sure the policies in place protect everyone's rights, but that is achievable. Please approve this system.</p>
<p>VOTES 1</p>	
<p>16 August 24 patrickdh</p>	<p>Cameras give AI models more rights than citizens and will result in defunding of actual human police jobs</p> <p>Every city I have lived in with cameras use them primarily to replace police officers with automated systems to ticket citizens with a lack of due process or human oversight. Artificial intelligence vision models should not have power over Columbia citizens. The law needs to be enforced by human officers, cameras should not be given more rights than citizens. Cameras strip away rights from citizens by removing human accountability and oversight from law enforcement and enable the city government to defund jobs for human officers. This is a terrible idea.</p>
<p>VOTES 3</p>	
<p>19 August 24 Gwennie</p>	<p>Do we really need more government surveillance in our daily lives? Absolutely NOT!</p> <p>"It's for your own protection" really rings hollow in this situation.</p>
<p>VOTES 3</p>	
<p>20 August 24 Dan Viets</p>	<p>NO. I do not want to live under constant government surveillance. This proposal is NOT just about license plate readers. It is to put more than</p> <p>more than 30 live-feed video cameras all over our City!</p>
<p>VOTES 1</p>	
<p>25 August 24 HMorgan</p>	<p>Keep police honest</p> <p>If we can use technology to reduce police from targeting brown folks disproportionately, I am all for it. I like that this doesn't record faces, just vehicles.</p>
<p>VOTES 0</p>	
<p>03 September 24 MBoehner</p>	<p>I support the Flock camera system</p> <p>Police officers need as much assistance as they can get. The primary use of these cameras will be in areas of crime that police are unable to have officers staged for hours and allow them to be available to respond to more serious crimes.</p>
<p>VOTES 0</p>	

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Comments

<p>08 September 24</p> <p>BrianK</p> <p>VOTES 0</p>	<p>This is not right.</p> <p>More surveillance on all citizens is not a path to a safer society; socioeconomic equity is. Instead of furthering those inequities by sending money to a wealthy corporation, why not invest in the community? People with a stable home/life, are far less likely to commit crimes.</p>
<p>09 September 24</p> <p>paul.harper</p> <p>VOTES 1</p>	<p>With the retention of 30 days and access to the system by third parties, this solution should be reconsidered in favor of another.</p> <p>If we are going to have a system like this it must be locally controlled. I would also like to see more statistics about crime so that we have a baseline to evaluate the system in a year to determine if it actually did work and in what way. Ultimately, if we are going to have an intrusive system like this one, it should go for a vote of the people.</p>
<p>10 September 24</p> <p>beahemm</p> <p>VOTES 0</p>	<p>We should not use Flock and put our personal data at risk!</p> <p>I want to be clear to the city and to the other folks on this forum that this system will not prevent crime. ALPR's are used to enforce traffic laws, which are not the violent or property crimes that we want to see reduced in our community. And this is assuming that the system works correctly; people have been incorrectly identified as perpetrators, which has sometimes given them cause to sue the city/police department (https://innocenceproject.org/artificial-intelligence-is-putting-innocent-people-at-risk-of-being-incarcerated/). This is intuitive, have you ever asked AI to draw something? It can't get the number of fingers on a hand right, it's going to make mistakes identifying people, cars and license plates out in the real world.</p>
<p>10 September 24</p> <p>Hcastilow</p> <p>VOTES 0</p>	<p>The most disturbing part of a system like this is the propensity for misuse or mishandling of the information. Vehemently opposed to this</p>

In addition to the compiled Be Heard report for the Flock safety cameras, we have one resident who notified us that their repeated attempts to post a comment on Be Heard had failed. The site moderator has been informed of this and are working to resolve the issue. Their theory is that the comment was too long. This comment is pasted below, and should be included with those in the report:

I want to begin by saying the general premise of ALPRs to be used for certain types of enforcement of traffic laws and as a way to help make certain law enforcement tasks easier isn't what I or many others oppose. We just want assurances that our movements are not going to be tracked by a third party or by CPD for an unreasonable length of time and have such information be vulnerable to subpoena requests by other entities that may relate to travel to receive healthcare, organize, or any other reason for which you do not want the government surveilling your every movement or simply because you do not want to be constantly filmed. Flock is already a pervasive company that has rooted its way into thousands of communities in this country, and their database could be used to track the movements of Columbia residents nationwide, with little to no say in how that data is stored or potentially used on the city's (or any other entity's) part. In addition to this there have been numerous news accounts of false identifications from ALPR cameras that result in aggressive police reactions and altercations against innocent bystanders or of officers using the database for nefarious reasons such as tracking the movements of ex-spouses. These concerns, among others that relate to the use of ALPRs and how they relate to privacy and the constitutional rights of our community members MUST be addressed before we sign any contracts to implement this new technology in Columbia. Additionally, Flock is not the provider we should be using for this, as some CPD vehicles as well as Boone County Sheriffs already have ALPR cameras through another vendor. I would think there should be a full, extensive, public review process into which vendor would be right for Columbia to contract with, but only after we have some type of Community Control Over Police Surveillance legislation imposing restrictions on how this information is used and safeguards for citizens enacted.

Bry Mink