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**Philadelphia Parking Authority Board Directs \$2 Million in Red Light Camera Revenue
To Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Motor License Fund**

(Philadelphia Pa) – (February 25, 2008) On Monday, the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA) Board of Directors voted to direct \$2 million in revenue to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Motor License Fund.

“The Red Light Program has already proven to be a tremendous success. Incidents of death, injury and property damage are dramatically down at the intersections where cameras are installed,” said Joseph T. Ashdale, PPA’s board chairman. “Now the revenue from this program will go towards helping PennDot make Philadelphia streets that much safer for City residents.”

In 2002, the PA General Assembly gave PPA the power to establish a Red Light Camera Program in the City of Philadelphia. Shortly after, PPA began equipping intersections with cameras that monitor traffic and automatically photograph vehicles that drive into an intersection after the light has turned red. The first cameras were installed at Red Lion Road, Grant Avenue and Cottman Avenue along the Boulevard. Since the program’s inception, cameras have also been installed at 34th Street and Grays Ferry Avenue, Broad Street and Oregon Avenue, as well as at Welsh, Southampton, Levick, Mascher and Rhawn streets along the Boulevard.

“Our goal is to use the best available technology to make Philadelphia’s streets as safe as possible for both drivers and pedestrians,” said PPA Executive Director Vincent J. Fenerty Jr.

“Our plans moving forward include several new installations and converting the existing cameras to digital film which will make the images much clearer.”

In a recent letter addressed to House Appropriations chair Rep. Dwight Evans and Joseph F. Markosek, Chair of the House Transportation Committee, PPA agreed to make four quarterly payments to PennDot, of which this is the first. The next scheduled payment will take place on June 1, 2008, which will reconcile the Parking Authority’s Fiscal Year which ends on March 31, 2008.
