

## Vineland to upgrade cameras on Landis Avenue

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**VINELAND** - The city is finalizing a \$518,000 purchase to bring security upgrades to Landis Avenue and surrounding downtown areas to help deter crime and aid in investigations.

The deal will deliver Vineland 23 new Avigilon brand cameras and replace the current system installed in 2010.

Vineland Police Department Sgt. Christopher Fulcher told The Daily Journal they hope to have the first batch of cameras "in a month or two" and that they would likely come in phases.

In addition to the new cameras, Vineland spokesman Michael Tofanelli said six existing license plate recognition cameras would be reinstalled and the old network video recording system and wireless network would be replaced.

According to Tofanelli, phase one installation would cover Myrtle Street to the Boulevard. Phase two would extend from the Boulevard to Delsea Drive.

Some side roads, including Elmer and Wood streets, also are slated to see cameras installed, Fulcher said.

The city in January entered a shared service agreement with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority, stating in a resolution that the CCIA "has technical service partners and vendors who may assist the City in acquisition, installation, configuration and maintenance services for the surveillance system."

Vineland initially estimated the cost of the project at a maximum of \$550,000.

Fulcher said the new equipment boasts "much clearer video quality — close to high definition — and an excellent zoom." Fulcher added the cameras run continuously and are capable of 360-degree monitoring.

Mayor Anthony Fanucci called the project "a huge initiative for the downtown."

"The big thing is getting up-to-date equipment," Fanucci said. "We were dealing with some issues, some defects, and with technology, it changes every day, so this is something we've had planned for a while."

City Council President Paul Spinelli noted the cameras are not intended to catch motorists committing traffic violations.

The installation of the cameras will come on the heels of the city putting up new street lights on Landis Avenue.

"With a lot of these projects, we're trying to do things all at once rather than redoing some of the same work," Spinelli said. "It's nothing earth-shattering, we just want to be proactive."

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