

TITLE: An Optimum System for Traffic Enforcement/Driver Control-Volume IV: The Evaluation of the Recommendations Made by the Consulting Firm

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PROTECT OBTECTIVE:

To provide background information regarding the Sylvania study (preceding page), and to identify areas of concern to management and resultant actions taken; to present a matrix of the major study recommendations with the involved departments' stands and status on each. (Departments: OTS - Office of Traffic Safety, DMV - Department of Motor Vehicles, AOC - Administrative Office of the Courts, Judicial Council, and CHP California Highway Patrol.)

SUMMARY:

In the judgment of the steering committee, while most of the study tasks were completed satisfactorily, some of the tasks were not developed to the extent required in the contract work plan and a few of the more specialized technical tasks did not meet minimum performance standards. Additionally, the contractor failed to develop adequate cost/benefit data, which made it difficult and sometimes impossible to assess the feasibility of improvement recommendations.

This report notes that the three-volume set of final project reports submitted by the contractor did not provide a complete and comprehensive listing of all the recommendations in one document. The volume titled "Summary of Findings and Recommendations" was intended to provide such a comprehensive listing; however, upon detailed review, it was determined that many statements of recommendations were not brought forward from the Volume I report. Only major "systems-type" recommendations appear in the summary.

Several recommendations made by the contractor were multifaceted, involving action by more than one department or agency. Several other recommendations involved changes within both the executive and judicial branches of State Government. Evaluating recommendations of this nature, which is difficult under even the most favorable circumstances, was complicated by the absence of cost data and a specific implementation plan. Overall, 82 recommendations were made; the majority of departments affected either "agreed" or "mostly agreed" with 60 of them.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Several study recommendations were implemented but the majority have not been as of this writing. One of the major recommendations of the study-to consider administrative adjudication of traffic infractions-was implemented in the form of a Senate resolution (Senate Concurrent Resolution 46, 1975). Legislation was passed in 1978 (Assembly Bill 1068, Fazio) establishing an administrative adjudication pilot program in several counties.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

None available.