

Motion

Agenda Number: 20.1

Date: March 21, 2024

Moved by Councillor Santos

Seconded by Councillor Tedjo

Whereas Vision Zero has been adopted by the Region of Peel through its Road Safety Strategic Plan in 2018;

And whereas, local traffic calming measures in the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga help deter speeding on local roads;

And whereas, cameras to address traffic violations such as red-light cameras, already exist outside of community safety zones and in cooperation with Peel Police, the City of Brampton will be installing an additional 30 high resolution cameras (for a total of 50) at intersections, and an additional 100 Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras (150 total) on local roads, to further compliment traffic calming measures such as road diets, flexi signs, and speed cushions;

And whereas, Regional roads differ in character consisting of wider lanes and higher speeds with signal timings designed to accommodate higher traffic volumes, transport trucks for goods movement, emergency vehicles and vulnerable all road users (pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and transit riders) with different traffic calming measures implemented to suit the road function and character;

And whereas, additional opportunities exist to implement safety enhancements on regional road corridors, to better align with traffic calming measures on local roads;

And whereas, Peel Police can identify hot spots for speeding and street racing and continue to implement programs such a Road Watch, ERASE, and operation Noisemaker;

And whereas, previous advocacy for flexibility in the use of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras outside of community safety zones has been brought to the Province's attention;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, send a letter to the Minister of Transportation further advocating for changes to the *Highway Traffic Act* which would allow municipalities to install Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras outside of Community Safety Zones and School Zones, including requests:
 - a. for temporary or pilot of ASE cameras outside of Community Safety Zones for areas deemed hotspots by traffic/accident data and temporary signage that ASE cameras are coming and/or "this road is actively being monitored for speeding";
 - b. to pass Bill 54, the *Vulnerable Road Users Act*, as well as a Provincial Vision Zero Strategy to provide consistent guidance to municipalities;
 - c. to double speed fines;
 - d. to introduce escalating sanctions for repeat offenders (20km/hr) or more over the posted speed limit;

- e. to apply a doubling of fines within a School Zone to align with current penalties in a Community Safety Zone;
 - f. to ensure mandatory suspension lengths for drivers convicted of stunt driving are applied for all convictions; and
2. That staff report back in Q3 2024 on the implementation of additional measures that uphold Vision Zero principles to mitigate speeding, in partnership with Peel Regional Police for street racing on regional roads and to compliment efforts being made on local roads; and
 3. That the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Government Relations Committee delegate at the August 18-22, 2024, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference.