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Mayor

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Chair Jennifer McKelvie and Members,
Infrastructure and Environment Committee

RE: Update on Vision Zero Speed Management Strategy and Related Initiatives IE 27.8

To Chair McKelvie and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

I'm proud to have championed automated speed enforcement and the successful advocacy that led to the provincial government allowing Toronto and all municipalities to deploy this road safety tool on our streets.

We have seen since ticketing began in July 2020 that the Automated Speed Enforcement program is working – it is reducing speeds near schools in Community Safety Zones. It's clear that when these cameras go up, drivers slow down. This program, coupled with the many other Vision Zero Road Safety plan initiatives we are deploying across the city, will help ensure our streets are safer for everyone, especially for schoolchildren, older adults, pedestrians and cyclists.

We have seen from preliminary data that the City of Toronto's Automated Speed Enforcement program demonstrated a positive impact on driver behaviour where the 50 speed cameras were placed, pointing to increased compliance with speed limits and a reduction in speeding. We can clearly see this program that we fought hard for is effective and efficient in its goal of reducing speeding across the City's Community Safety Zones.

I know we are all committed to the City's Vision Zero plan and enforcement is an important aspect of this plan. I am writing to you today to urge you to help us further accelerate the use of speed cameras in our city. This report lays out a path to add an additional 25 Automated Speed Enforcement cameras by 2023 – I support the committee asking City staff to work to get these new cameras on our roads this year, in 2022, along with asking Transportation Services to immediately advance work to expand the program further at the earliest possible date.

This would provide 75 speed cameras to deliver enforcement as soon as possible and start the work needed for a larger expansion.

I believe moving to increase the number of speed cameras in our city now will help us continue to improve road safety – this is one important tool in our Vision Zero toolbox - and it will send a clear message to drivers that they must slow down and obey the speed limits across our city.

Recommendations:

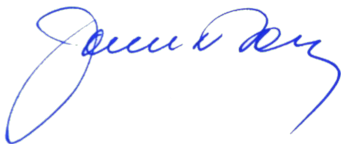
That City Council amend Item IE27.8 by deleting existing recommendation 6, replacing it with the new recommendation (6) and additional new recommendation (6b) below:

6. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, Director, Court Services, and the City Solicitor, to acquire and implement 25 additional Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras to the Automated Speed Enforcement Program as soon as possible for 2022, in accordance with the City's existing contract relating to Request for Proposal 9148-19-0048 (for the provision of Automated Speed Enforcement services) and to include for consideration as part of the 2023 Budget Process all budget and staff anticipated to be required in order to accommodate the ongoing maintenance of those 25 additional Automated Speed Cameras.

6b. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to immediately advance work to expand the program further at the earliest possible date, including an RFP that considers all possible technologies.

Thank you for continuing to work with me and my office to address road safety in our city.

Sincerely,



John Tory
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