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March 28, 2023
Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: MM5.25 - Improving Road Safety by Expanding the Number of Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras and Operational Hours

Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of City Council,

We are writing in support of Deputy Mayor McKelvie's motion to implement more Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras as soon as possible to help Toronto achieve Vision Zero Road Safety goals. We already know that there is a direct and dramatic connection between how fast a vehicle is going and how severe a crash will be, and installing more ASEs is a step towards monitoring motor vehicle drivers.

This said, we would like to make the following recommendations

1. A strategy for ASE that is tied to achieving Vision Zero.
 - a. **The most effective solution to improving road safety is to build streets that are safe by design, not by relying on police enforcement.** We are supportive of the ASE program, but believe it will only be effective alongside road safety design improvements.
2. **The ASE program should not prioritize generating revenue over making tangible improvements to road safety.** We would like the funds generated by this program be more transparently disclosed, and that they be used to implement other Vision Zero and road safety initiatives.
3. More transparent reporting on ASE programs.
 - a. While evidence in the US has shown that ASE has been effective in traffic speed enforcement and reaching more people with fewer resources than traditional on-the-ground police, it can have disproportionate impacts on racialized communities if not properly planned and executed. **Improving the safety of all users equitably includes reducing the harm inflicted on racialized people who receive the disproportionate majority of traffic stops.**

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Stewart".

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