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**To:** [Infrastructure and Environment](#)  
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To the City Clerk:

Please add our comments (see attached pdf) to the agenda for the January 9 2024 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2024.IE10.1, Administrative Penalty System for Red Light Camera and Automated Speed Enforcement Violations.

Thank you,  
Jessica Spieker, spokesperson

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January 9, 2023  
Toronto City Hall  
Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**RE: IE10.1 Administrative Penalty System for Red Light Camera and Automated Speed Enforcement Violations**

To Councillors McKelvie, Colle, Pasternak, Peruzza, Morley, and Saxe,

We are writing to convey our extremely strong support for expanding the Administrative Penalty System to include red light camera and speed camera tickets, because this will make the processing and issuing of tickets more efficient, streamlined and effective at changing behaviour.

In the absence of political will to make rapid, widespread changes to our most deadly streets, Automated Enforcement is the next best thing in the Vision Zero toolkit in terms of changing driver behaviour. Speed is the primary factor that determines whether someone outside of a car will live or die when struck by a driver, and therefore forcing drivers to slow down will save lives.

Our hope is that moving these tickets into the Administrative Penalty System will allow the speed cameras to be turned on 24/7, instead of turning them off for significant parts of the day because the volume of tickets was too high to handle.

We are heartened to see the number of speed cameras doubling from 75 to 150, but remind you that if Toronto had the same number of speed cameras per capita as New York City, we'd have about 700. It is massively important to continue pushing to grow

the number of functioning speed cameras, especially where deadly roads are not being urgently re-designed for safety.

Further, we encourage you to boldly advocate to the provincial Ministry of Transportation to be able to place a speed camera anywhere in the city, especially our most deadly arterial roads that aren't contained within a Community Safety Zone. So many of our loved ones were killed in areas where the province expressly forbids placing a speed camera, so the province's senseless restrictions on where cameras can be located guarantee that more people will be violently killed and more families will be shattered than would otherwise happen if speed cameras could be placed where they would make the biggest difference in dangerous driver behaviour.

We are immensely appreciative of the efforts to date to make our red light camera and speed camera systems more efficient and effective. While it is too late for us, it is our hope that this improvement will contribute to reaching our Vision Zero goals and prevent the horrific, devastating road violence that was inflicted on us from happening to anyone else, ever again.

Sincerely,



Jessica Spieker  
Spokesperson, Friends and Families for Safe Streets



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