



October 6, 2025

Toronto City Council
c/o City Clerk's Office
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
M5H 2N2

Re: Support for IE24.13 - Optimizing the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Program

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of City Council,

On behalf of ABCRA, the residents' association for Yorkville and surrounding midtown neighbourhoods, and the Avenue Road Safety Coalition, we write in support of the Mayor's letter and recommendations under Item IE24.13: Optimizing the Automated Speed Enforcement Program. We share the Mayor's view that Automated Speed Enforcement is an evidence-based tool proven to reduce speeding, prevent serious injuries, and change driver behaviour. Its continued expansion and refinement are vital to achieving the City's Vision Zero goals.

We note the Mayor's acknowledgement that automated enforcement must remain fair and behaviour-focused. As Council advances this discussion, we remind members that even a 10 km/h difference - such as between 40 and 50 - can determine whether a child or pedestrian survives a collision. We would also suggest that a 10 km/h tolerance may already represent too wide a margin for meaningful safety enforcement.

As has been reported in recent media coverage and public discussions at both the provincial and municipal levels, some officials have questioned the future of Toronto and the Province's speed camera programs. ABCRA and The ARSC strongly encourage the continued and uninterrupted use of the Automated Speed Enforcement system. Any pause or rollback would risk reversing hard-won progress and could have dire consequences in a city already facing significant safety and infrastructure challenges. ASE remains a cornerstone of Toronto's Vision Zero strategy and an essential component of evidence-based public safety policy.

We urge Council to adopt the recommendations in IE24.13 to ensure this vital program continues to protect residents across Toronto.

Sincerely,

The ABC Residents Association

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The Avenue Road Safety Coalition

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