

CITY OF MISSISSAUGA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Queen's Park

**RE: Automatic Speed Enforcement Cameras**

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of Council, I write to you about the automated speed enforcement (ASE) program and how it has improved road safety here in Mississauga. This program is an important road safety measure that has proven effective at reducing speeds. We ask that you reconsider a full ban of the program and continue to allow cameras in school zones. This ensures they remain an effective tool to improve road safety and not act as a “cash grab.”

**Road Safety in Mississauga**

The City of Mississauga has been committed to Vision Zero since 2018. Our goal is to have zero injuries and fatalities on our roadways. As part of this pledge, we took the opportunity granted by the province in 2019 to invest in ASE cameras, but only in school-area community safety zones where speeding has been proven to be a problem. Our program is designed to protect vulnerable road users like children walking to school or older adults running errands.

We know that the survival rate for pedestrians hit by a car increases as speed decreases. There is a 90% chance a child walking to school will survive a collision if hit by a car travelling 30km/h. In comparison, that survival rate lowers to 15% if the car is travelling at 50km/h.



The City continues to work closely with Peel Region Police on this program as they have been big supporters of our work and how we have deployed the ASE cameras. They share our goal of zero fatalities on our roadways.

### **How Mississauga's Program Works**

I cannot speak for the programs in other cities, but I can tell you what we do in Mississauga. For context, our city only has 22 ASE cameras (2 per ward). They rotate through school-area Community Safety Zones, and to date have been used 200 times in various locations. The City also provides notice at least 90 days in advance of a camera being installed through large signs on the roadway and the location of every camera is posted on our website.

We have also put in place time restrictions, so the cameras do not operate 24 hours a day, but during times when drivers are most likely to encounter vulnerable road users. We have only put these cameras in school zones where speeding has been a problem, where there are often many pedestrians, and where there have been past collisions.

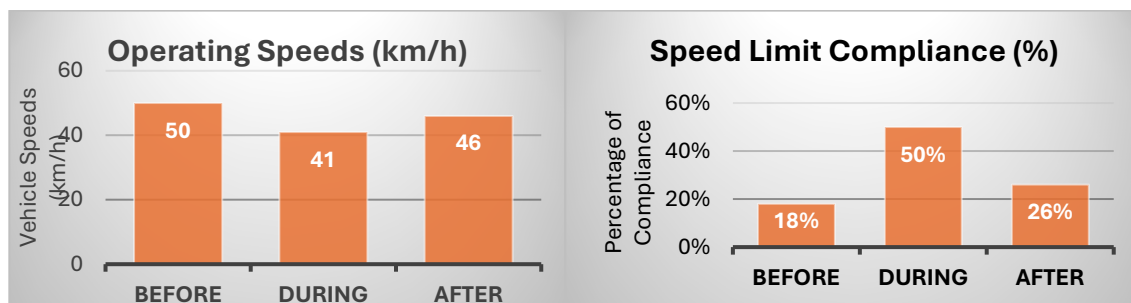
The ASE cameras are part of a larger road safety strategy that includes installing speed bumps, adding flashing lights, narrowing the road, installing pedestrian crossovers, and other road safety measures. But speed bumps, for instance, cannot be installed on every road. We use the right solution in the right place at the right time to reduce speeding and protect our residents.

### **The Evidence**

The program has been operating from June 2021 to present. In that period, we have issued 165,044 tickets or approximately 41,000 tickets per year across 200 school-area community safety zones.

The average ticket for speeding is for 16km/h over the posted speed limit. Shockingly, we have given out 451 tickets for people going 50km/h over the posted speed limit in school zones. The highest rate of speed was 147km/h in a 30km/h zone. This is incredibly reckless driving that puts the lives of the community at risk.

As a result of the ASE cameras, we have seen a speed reduction of 9 km/h and compliance with the posted speed limit rise by 178% while the cameras are operating. We even continue to see speeds reduced, even when the cameras have been removed – they change driver behaviour in the area. I'm also pleased to note that in the areas where the cameras have been installed, there have been zero fatal collisions and only one non-fatal injury. This means the program is working as intended, keeping people safe by reducing speeds.



### How the Money is Used

The fines collected through the ASE program in Mississauga are not a cash grab. All revenue generated is put back into the program to pay for its operation including camera hardware, ticket processing, court costs, signs and more. Any revenue generated by ASE beyond what is needed to operate the program will help fund road safety initiatives and improvements. The money is not used for other city services or programs.

### Support for the Cameras

Councillors have received a great deal of support from residents and communities asking for additional safety measures to slow down speeds in their neighbourhoods. While there has been vandalism of the cameras, it's consistent with what we see with all other City infrastructure like park benches, utility boxes and traffic signs. We have actually seen a decrease in vandalism incidents over the past two years. Despite the vandalism that does occur, we still see reductions in operating speeds and support from residents.

### Proposed Solution

Premier, I understand your frustration with these cameras being seen as a cash grab. While this has not been the case in Mississauga, it can be an issue if the program is not properly defined and managed. Our goal is not to unfairly penalize safe, law-abiding drivers.

On behalf of Council, I would ask you to consider maintaining the program in school zones. Please do not eliminate a program that is having such a positive impact on road safety. As part of a much larger suite of tools, ASE cameras can protect our kids and older adults and reduce speeding in school zones. I think we can all agree that this is the right thing to do.

Thank you for your time and consideration. My staff team is available to provide more details if you need them.

Sincerely,



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Mayor of Mississauga

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