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Transportation Services

Automated Speed Enforcement and School Bus Camera Pilot Projects

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City Wide)

That Council approve:

- 1. The Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Program as outlined in the report; and**
- 2. The conversion of six (6) temporary Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions to permanent, as detailed in the report, for the Provincial Offences Act (POA) courts to administer current ASE charges and those associated to the new 15 cameras to be implemented by the end of 2022; and**
- 3. The creation and funding of one (1) permanent FTE position for Information Technology Services to support the portfolio of technical solutions for this program and provide ongoing operational support to be reflected in the 2022 Budget; and**
- 4. The creation and funding of three (3) permanent FTE positions for Legal Services to process the increased number of charges, as well as to prosecute the backlog of cases awaiting trial and those for which trials will be requested, to be reflected in the 2022 Budget; and**
- 5. The creation and funding of seven (7) permanent FTE positions, as detailed in the report, for Revenue Services to address ASE charge payment inquiries and collection, as a result of the existing and future speed cameras in Ottawa, to be reflected in the 2022 Budget;**

and

6. The conversion of six (6) Traffic Services FTEs from temporary to permanent to deliver the Road Safety Action Plan; and
7. The creation and funding of eight (8) permanent FTEs, as detailed in the report to deliver the Pedestrian Crossover Program and the Temporary Traffic Calming program and corresponding fleet requirements, to be reflected in the 2022 Budget; and
8. The creation of a Road Safety Capital Reserve Fund and allocation of all net revenues from existing automated enforcement initiatives, including automated speed enforcement, future red light cameras and school bus cameras, in addition to future automated enforcement initiatives, to the Reserve to fund road safety initiatives identified in the Road Safety Action Plan, to take effect in the 2022 Budget year; and
9. The adjustment of the 2021 ASE Budget by \$438,000 for additional operating expenses to be offset by an increase in revenue of \$500,000; and
10. An increase in the Road Safety Action Plan capital budget authority by \$324,000 for construction of the physical infrastructure required for Q4 2021 and Q1 2022 ASE cameras, to be funded by ASE revenue allocated to the City-wide Reserve Fund in the 2021 Budget; and
11. That Traffic Services be directed to undertake a review of best practices to develop an update to the policy for selecting school zones and bring forward a report to Transportation Committee and Council by the end of Q2 2023; and
12. That Traffic Services be directed to work with the school bus consortia in Ottawa to undertake a review of the best delivery model

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for school bus camera implementation, including processing, and bring forward a report to Transportation Committee and Council by the end of Q2 2023; and,

13. That the Mayor send a letter to Minister of Transportation of Ontario requesting the doubling of speeding fines in school zones, to align with the fine structure currently in place for Community Safety Zones (CSZ).

The Committee received a detailed slide presentation from Alain Gonthier, Director, Roads & Parking Services, Public Works and Environmental Services (PWES), Allison Wilson, Manager, Strategic Projects, PWES and Chad Findlay, Area Manager, Roads Services, PWES. A copy of which is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

MOTION

Moved by: Councillor J. Leiper

WHEREAS recommendation 8 refers to “the creation of a Road Safety Capital Reserve Fund”; and,

WHEREAS operating surpluses will also flow into those reserves and will offset any deficits;

WHEREAS deleting “Capital” from the name of the reserve fund would avoid confusion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the word “Capital” be deleted from recommendation 8.

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Deans

WHEREAS there are streets in the City of Ottawa where street racing occurs, creating a dangerous environment for all users of the road who travel on these streets; and

WHEREAS residents continue to be concerned with their safety as they travel on these roads; and

WHEREAS it is not possible to have continuous police enforcement on these streets to address the high-speed drivers and street racing problem; and

WHEREAS Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras near schools have shown to be effective at reducing high end speeders, which are drivers that travel at speeds in excess of 15 km/h, by 72%; and

WHEREAS data from the public survey conducted by the City of Ottawa for the use of Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras in the City of Ottawa indicate that 65% of residents support their use on any roadway where there is speeding.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to develop a data driven selection criteria for high-speed roadways that would identify and prioritize streets where Speed Cameras could be used to reduce high-speed drivers and street racing

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa pilot the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras at two locations based on the selection criteria for high-speed roadways in 2023 and report back to Transportation Committee on the effectiveness of the cameras at reducing the number of high-end speeders on these streets through the 2024 Road Safety Action Plan Annual report in Q4 2024.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa pilot the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras at two additional

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**locations based on rates of incidence of speeding in communities with a
high pedestrian modal share**

CARRIED

An additional amendment to the Deans Motion was proposed by Councillor Hubley regarding additional public consultation. It was agreed that an amendment to that effect would be brought forward for City Council on October 13, 2021, following further refinement of the wording.

Following discussions and questions to staff the committee CARRIED the report recommendations as amended.