

**Report to / Rapport au:**

**OTTAWA POLICE SERVICES BOARD  
LA COMMISSION DE SERVICES POLICIERS D'OTTAWA**

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**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO INQUIRY I-21-15: ROAD SAFETY MEASURES**

**OBJET: RÉPONSE À LA DEMANDE DE RENSEIGNEMENTS I-21-15 :  
MESURES DE SÉCURITÉ ROUTIÈRE**

**REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Ottawa Police Services Board receives this report for information.**

**RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT**

**Que la Commission de services policiers d'Ottawa prenne connaissance du présent rapport à titre d'information.**

**INQUIRY**

Many Ottawa residents remain concerned about city-wide speeding and aggressive driving. In addition to already implemented Project Noisemaker and the work underway by Safer Roads Ottawa, is the OPS considering broader use of speed and red-light cameras, or exploring other initiatives to address these ongoing concerns? Please bring back a report with Service recommendations.

**RESPONSE**

The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) supports the use of new technologies to increase enforcement, education and safety on Ottawa's roads. We work with our policing and municipal partners to develop a comprehensive road safety strategy and we fully support the expansion of Automated Speed Enforcement and red-light camera programs to encourage safe road usage.

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) supports the further expansion of this technology and the OPS agrees with this position.

Earlier this year, the OACP passed a resolution calling on the provincial government to allow for the expanded use of this technology.

Automated speed enforcement provides an effective means of ensuring road safety and compliance with the law. Evidence-based research provincially, nationally, and internationally indicate that the use of automated speed enforcement reduces the overall speed on effected roadways and therefore has potential to enhance road safety.

The OACP resolution calls for the expansion of automated speed enforcement to all municipal and provincial highways, as determined by the province or the local municipalities, in consultation with the police.

Further, the OACP resolution calls for all revenue generated from automated speed enforcement to be used for:

- (a) Funding of the automated speed enforcement system, including expansion
- (b) Neighbourhood Traffic Calming and engineering initiatives
- (c) Road safety initiatives, including but not limited to public safety campaigns, R.I.D.E., Operation Impact etc., and/or
- (d) Redirection to essential social services regarding mental health, addiction, and such areas as housing, education, employment, and youth services.

The Ottawa Police Service recommends that the Ottawa Police Services Board consider directing its Executive Director to send a letter of support for this motion to the Government of Ontario.

The deployment and distribution of red-light cameras falls under the purview of the City of Ottawa, similarly with any adjustments to local speed limits. The City announced on October 14, 2021, that 15 new Automated Speed Enforcement cameras will be added to school zones within the next year. The OPS supported this decision.

One of the OPS's top priorities is road safety and the expansion of this technology would support that work. We are committed to ensuring that all motorists, cyclists and pedestrians share the road safely.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Document 1- 2021-01 Expansion of Automated Speed Enforcement and Revenue