

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2023

TO: JOINT CITY COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE

FROM: DON HAYES, CHIEF, APD
TARRENCE MOORER, INTERIM DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT IN SCHOOL ZONES

At its June 2022 meeting, the Joint City Council/School Board Subcommittee received an update on the upcoming Automated Speed Enforcement in School Zones Program. As part of that update, City staff established a goal of launching the program by early 2023. Since that update, the following milestones were accomplished:

- City Council approved an ordinance to authorize the use of speed cameras in school zones.
- A multi-departmental staff working group developed initial recommendations for the locations of the five speed cameras funded by the FY 2023 Approved Budget.
- The City executed a contract with VerraMobility, the City's automated enforcement vendor.
- The City published a dedicated program webpage: www.alexandriava.gov/traffic-safety/speed-camera-program

The staff working group comprised of T&ES, APD, ACPS & City Attorney's Office has been working through this process and used a data-driven process to identify three recommended locations for speed cameras in school zones. Staff is currently working with the automated enforcement vendor to evaluate feasibility of installing speed cameras in these locations based on various site constraints. Once this process is completed and locations are confirmed, staff will communicate the locations and program timeline to the public. Public communications are expected to take place in February or March.

At this time, staff expects the speed cameras to be installed by Summer 2023 and tested this school year, with full rollout anticipated for the 2023-24 school year. Staff has adjusted the project schedule slightly to account for additional time needed to ensure contract terms align with State law, build the "back end" program from scratch with the vendor, and establish the financial components of the program.

Additional details will be published to the program website as they become available.