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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter requesting changes to the province's automated speed enforcement (ASE) framework and the *Highway Traffic Act*. I appreciate this opportunity to respond.

I want to reassure you that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) takes the safety of our roads and Ontarians very seriously. Ontario has been consistently ranked as having among the safest roads in North America for the last 20 years and we are working hard to ensure they stay this way for many years to come.

As indicated in my letter of December 1, 2019, the province enacted O. Reg. 398/19 and implemented changes to the *Highway Traffic Act* to permit municipalities to use ASE camera technology in designated school zones and community safety zones with speed limits under 80km/h. For several years, the government has worked closely with municipalities to develop an operational framework and regulatory regime to permit the use of ASE as a tool they can use to make their communities safer to protect their most vulnerable citizens, including young children.

The ministry appreciates the desire for an administrative monetary penalty (AMP) program for ASE and is committed to working with municipalities through a future review of the ASE program, including exploring the potential for establishing an AMP framework.

I also wish to reiterate that the Ministry of Transportation will continue to support the Ministry of the Attorney General and municipalities in their efforts to ensure that courts are not over-burdened and that matters are heard efficiently and expeditiously.

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Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

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Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation

c. The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General



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February 26, 2020

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney
Minister of Transportation
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Dear Minister Mulroney:

Subject: Bill 65, Safer School Zone Act - Automated Speed Enforcement

We write to request, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, that the appropriate changes be made to allow municipalities to implement Automated Speed Enforcement in a more timely manner with regard to the notification and signage requirements.

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on January 22, 2020, approved Item 4 of Public Works Committee Report 20-001, which reads as follows:

4. Automated Speed Enforcement (PW20002) (City Wide) (Item 10.4)

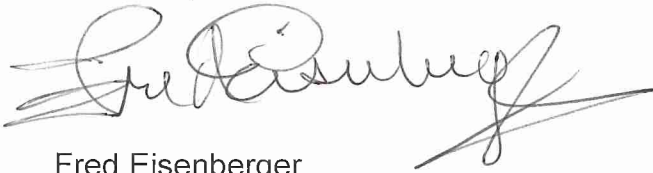
- (f) That the Mayor submit a letter to the Minister of Transportation Ontario, on behalf of City Council, seeking amendments to the Automated Speed Enforcement Guidelines and MTO Agreement for Automated Speed Enforcement with municipalities to reduce or remove the 90 day requirement related to signage used for the purpose of advising the public of the implementation of the system, at or in advance of every location where cameras are deployed or intended to be deployed.

The City of Hamilton is confident that the implementation of Bill 65 will have a significant positive impact on roadway safety in the Province of Ontario and throughout municipalities. Implementing these programs to operate in a less restrictive manner will only support the goal of eliminating injury and fatal collisions on roadways.

Your consideration of Council's request is appreciated. We would ask that you reference File #C20-001 when responding to this correspondence.

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Sincerely,

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Fred Eisenberger
Mayor