



CONSENT CALENDAR
March 22, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Taplin, Councilmember Wengraf (co-sponsor), Mayor Arreguín (co-sponsor), Councilmember Robinson (co-sponsor)
Subject: Support for AB-2336

RECOMMENDATION

Send a letter of support for Assembly Bill 2336: Speed Safety System Pilot Program.

BACKGROUND

The California Vehicle Code currently does not permit the use of cameras for enforcement of speeding laws. Assembly Bill 550 (Chiu, 2021) would have established a pilot program for speeding cameras in several cities including Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles. It failed to pass through the Assembly Appropriations Committee, despite being widely supported by local governments and street safety advocates.

This bill is a revived version of AB-550.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

None.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter

The Honorable Laura Friedman
State Capitol
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Assembly Member Friedman:

The City Council of the City of Berkeley is proud to support your bill, AB-2336, to establish a pilot program for speeding cameras. Speeding cameras are used for traffic enforcement successfully in jurisdictions throughout the country to hold irresponsible motorists accountable for putting lives at risk, reducing dangerous speeding and potentially saving countless lives. Without basic tools for accountability, the public sector cannot meaningfully uphold the social contract that is supposed to preserve life and limb on our public infrastructure. We also respectfully request the inclusion of the City of Berkeley in the pilot program authorized in the bill.

In 2021, there were eight traffic fatalities in the City of Berkeley, a 34% increase from the previous year. Five of the eight were pedestrians. It was the deadliest year on Berkeley's streets since 1984. Each death is a devastating loss for the slain person's loved ones, local community, and society at large. Moreover, each death represents a failure of public policy to enact common sense restrictions on motor vehicles. Your bill is a much-needed step in the right direction.

Thank you very much for your tireless dedication to safe streets and transportation justice.

Sincerely,

The Berkeley City Council
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