

Traffic safety camera pilot Program Details

Purpose of the traffic safety camera pilot

Traffic safety cameras help reduce crashes and save lives. They have worked well in other cities. Minneapolis has had an increase in traffic deaths since 2020. Speeding is the leading cause of severe crashes.

Traffic safety cameras are part of the City's [Vision Zero](#) efforts. These efforts aim to achieve zero traffic deaths and serious injuries on City streets. Other strategies include installing traffic safety treatments on High Injury Streets and investing in traffic calming.

Camera locations

A list and map of current traffic safety camera locations is available on the City's website.

minneapolismn.gov/traffic-safety-cameras

Locations must:

- Have a traffic safety concern.
- Be distributed fairly throughout the city.
- Be within 2,000 feet of a school.

See [traffic safety camera location analysis](#) for more details on how camera locations were selected.



Enforcement

Traffic safety cameras enforce for speeding for vehicles going 10 mph or more over the speed limit. The City plans to enforce running red lights as well at some locations starting in 2026. All camera locations have signs that warn about camera enforcement.

Violation overview

A warning is issued for a first offense. After the warning, subsequent violations will result in:

- A \$40 fine if a vehicle goes 10-19 mph or more over the speed limit or runs a red light; or
- A \$80 fine if a vehicle goes 20 mph or more over the speed limit.

For their first ticketed violation, drivers can take a free traffic safety class instead of paying a fine. For all ticketed offenses, traffic safety camera citations will not appear on driving records—except as required by law for holders of a commercial driver's license.

Safety camera equipment calibration

The traffic safety camera system uses advanced tracking radar. It identifies vehicles that speed 10 mph or more over the limit. The radar must be certified regularly by an independent 3rd party to ensure accuracy. If the radar spots a possible violation, it takes video and photos of the vehicle in the enforcement zone. This includes images of the back license plate. A trained City traffic control agent reviews all potential violations. If they confirm a violation, they issue a warning or citation.

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Traffic safety camera privacy protections

The traffic safety cameras do not do general surveillance. Under State law, the cameras can only be used for enforcing speeding and red light running.

The use of traffic safety cameras comply with additional State law requirements, which include:

- The cameras cannot be used as automatic license plate readers.
- The cameras can only record video or take pictures if they sense a potential speeding or red light violation.
- Cameras cannot capture pictures that can identify people.
- Requirements that data must be destroyed in a timely manner.
- The City's traffic safety camera vendor is prohibited from sharing any personal data except pursuant to a court order.
- Camera data are not subject to subpoena or other actions for any process that is not related to speed or red light camera enforcement.

Additionally, data security was a key part of the City's review of potential traffic safety camera vendors. The City's camera vendor, NovoaGlobal, has robust data security protections that meet or exceed all requirements. The City must do a regular audit of the vendor to ensure compliance with data practices requirements.

Mailed warnings and citations overview

Warning notices and citations are mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle that was speeding or ran a red light. Mailed warnings and citations will include the logo for City of Minneapolis Regulatory Services Traffic Control and a return address of "Automated Enforcement Division, PO Box 593095, Orlando, FL 32859-3095."

Mailed warnings and citations will include information on the infraction, including type of offense, location, date, time, speed limit, vehicle speed, license plate, and three pictures of the vehicle and license plate. The City of Minneapolis traffic enforcement agent who reviewed the violation will be listed.

Warning notices

All warning notices say that "no further action is required on your part." The warning is a reminder to slow down and obey speed limits and red lights. If there is another traffic safety camera violation in the same vehicle, then a citation will be issued for that subsequent violation. If you would like, you can see video of the violation by going to www.zerofatality.com and entering the license plate and password listed on the notice.

Additional details

- Visit the City's main [traffic safety camera pilot webpage](#)
- View full [State law provisions for the pilot](#)
- Read the [Minneapolis camera location analysis](#)



If you have additional questions you can call Minneapolis 311 or 612-673-3000 or email visionzero@minneapolismn.gov.