

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it was recently announced that the City, in order to balance its budget, is going to install additional speed cameras; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) is responsible for determining the locations of speed camera installations based on safety assessments and crash data analysis; and

WHEREAS, seven of the existing speed cameras generate over \$1 million each per year, with the majority of these high-revenue cameras concentrated in South and West Side communities, raising equity concerns about the financial burden imposed on residents in these areas; and

WHEREAS, due to these concerns it is imperative to understand the justification and the equity of the placement of the speed cameras that will be added, including whether the selected locations align with objective crash data and safety metrics; and

WHEREAS, it is important that CDOT provide to City Council and the public with the potential new locations of speed cameras, comprehensive data and analysis regarding the impact of speed cameras in the new locations, including crash data before and after installation, traffic flow changes, and any measurable improvements in safety; and

WHEREAS, the public has a right to understand the methodology and criteria used by CDOT to determine the placement of speed cameras and to ensure that these installations are equitable and serve the intended purpose of enhancing traffic safety, rather than just generating revenue; and

WHEREAS, conducting a public hearing will provide an opportunity for City Council members, residents, and transportation experts to review CDOT's findings, ask pertinent questions, and discuss potential policy adjustments to ensure speed enforcement measures are implemented equitably and effectively; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and members of the Chicago City Council, do hereby call on the Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development to convene a hearing for CDOT to present its study on the new speed camera locations.



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