



Automated Enforcement Expansion Effort Update



Background: Problem

- Block the box and transit lane violations have a negative impact on mobility, safety, and emergency response
- SDOT field observation at just one location (4th and Battery) in January 2018 showed:
 - **Block the Box:** average of 6 violations per day, high of 53
 - **Transit Lane:** average of 361 violations per day, high of 418
- Manual UPO enforcement is resource intensive and often further obstructs traffic



Background: Existing Framework

- The City already has authority to use automated cameras for red light, school speed zone, and railroad crossing violations
- Must post notice 30 days prior to installation and provide a 30 day grace period afterward
- State law includes significant privacy protections:
 - May not capture the driver or passenger's face in photos
 - May not retain photos for longer than is necessary
 - May not use photos for legal proceedings beyond the specific violations





City Proposal

- Expanded automated enforcement authority for all local governments to include:
 - Blocking the box
 - Transit lanes
 - Obstructing portions of the street reserved for emergency response vehicles
- Expanded permissible locations for cameras to include mid-block on arterials

Legislative Process

	House Committee	House Floor	Senate Proposed
Geography	Seattle-only	Seattle-only; limited to greater downtown and select highways and arterials	Seattle-only; limited to greater downtown and select highways and arterials; 20 intersection cap
Fines	First-time violators receive a warning with no monetary penalty	No monetary penalties until 2020; first time violators receive a warning with no monetary penalty	First-time violators receive a warning with no monetary penalty
Duration	Permanent	Pilot program through December 31, 2021	Pilot program through January 1, 2022
Exemptions	N/a	Freight delivery vehicles between 12:00am-5:00am	Public transit vehicles; freight delivery vehicles between 12:00am-5:00am
Revenue Sharing	N/a	State receives 50% of net revenue	State receives 100% of net revenue



What's Next

- 60-day, non-budget legislative session begins January 2020
- Broad authorization remains top priority of the City
- Issues to address during interim:
 - Equity
 - Photo review process
 - Impact on visiting drivers





Questions?

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