

# City of Portland testimony

## HB 4105A

Reducing traffic deaths with  
automated enforcement

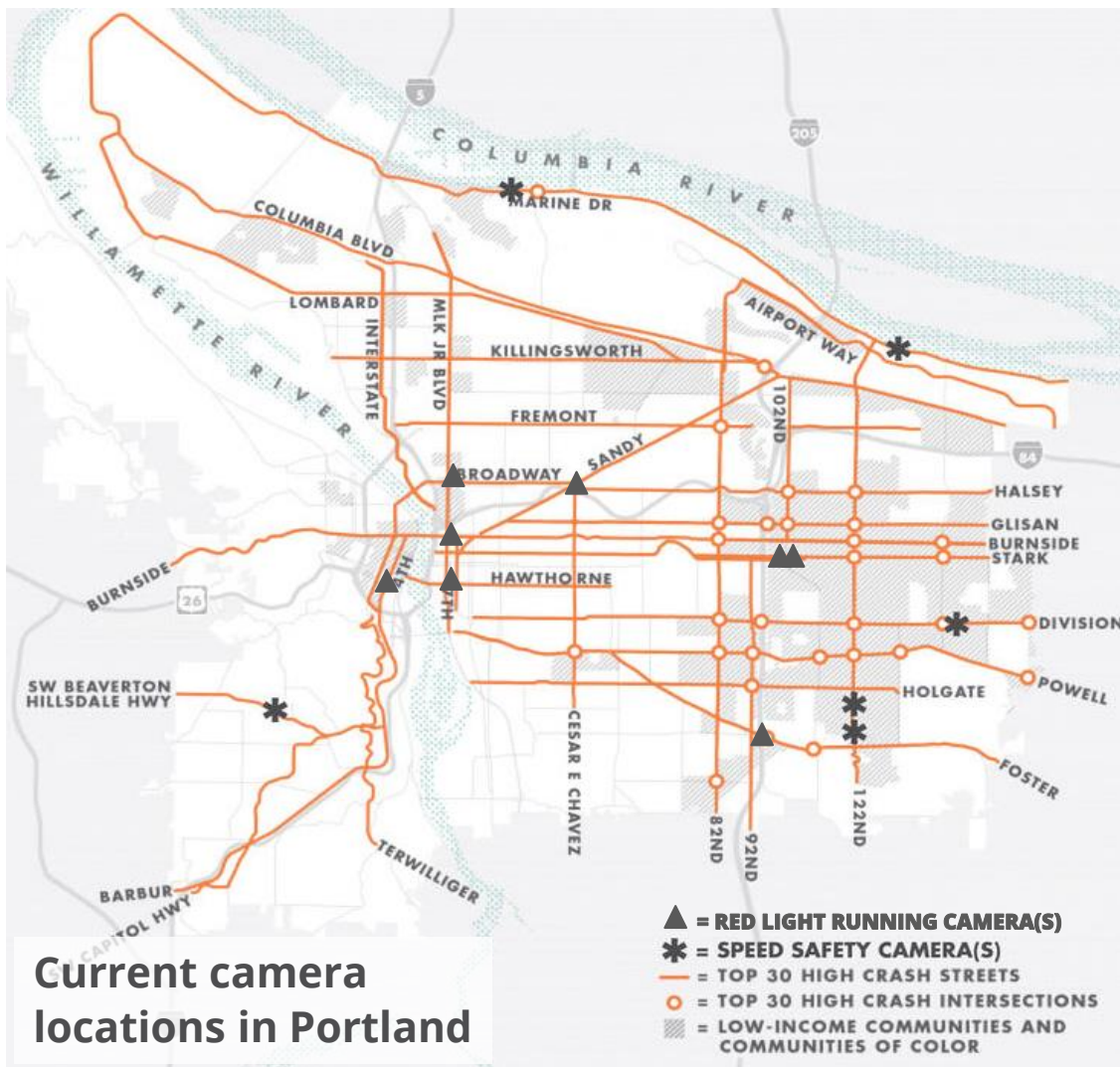
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# HB 4105A: Allows a “traffic enforcement agent” to review traffic-camera citations

- All traffic-camera photos are reviewed to help ensure they match DMV records
- Currently police officers review this data and sign the citations
- HB 4105A allows trained, sworn and authorized city staff other than police officers to perform this function
- Does not change any other requirements or implementation practice for camera deployment

# Traffic cameras make Portland streets safer



**71 percent**  
average  
reduction in  
speeding

**40 percent**  
crash reduction  
at intersections  
after red light  
camera  
installation

# HB 4105A: Maintain existing review protocols, standards and training

- Traffic enforcement agents will be employed, appointed and duly sworn in by the governing body
- Current training requirements and complete background checks will be mandatory for traffic enforcement agents
- Gives local flexibility – both police officers *and* traffic agents may perform these duties
- Does not give authority for third party vendors to do full review – their role does not change

# Traffic camera ticket review process (simplified)

Event  
captured by  
camera and  
radar  
technology

Third party  
Review  
event data  
and match  
to DMV  
records

Police  
Review  
event data  
and sign  
traffic ticket

Third party  
Mail traffic  
ticket

Police  
Periodically  
summoned  
to court for  
ticket  
adjudication

# HB 4105A: Increase efficiency with administrative review process

- Of the 23 states with traffic-camera enforcement, almost half have jurisdictions that treat citation review as an administrative function
- Increase Portland's capacity to review new tickets resulting from system expansion with "duly authorized traffic enforcement agents"
- Reduce overall program costs. Today, 100% of ticket review in Portland is done on police over-time.
- Portland's process would be similar to our Parking Enforcement team which issues citations and goes to court when needed