

## CITY COUNCIL

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January 30, 2023

Co-Chair Senator Gorsek
Co-Chair Representative McLain
Co-Vice Chair Senator Boquist
Co-Vice Chair Representative Boshart Davis
Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain, Vice-Chair Boquist, and Vice-Chair Boshart Davis:

I'm writing on behalf of the Salem City Council in enthusiastic support of HB 2095, which would give Salem authority to use mobile or fixed photo radar to greatly improve traffic safety and reduce incidence of vehicle crashes in our community. This has been a priority for Salem for several years, since the original legislation left Salem out.

We are working throughout our community to reduce vehicle crashes and actively engaged in neighborhood traffic management. Our Salem Police Department employs both a photo red light and speed on green automated traffic enforcement program. Where this technology is in place, at high volume intersections, we've seen fewer vehicle accidents. Allowing Salem to enact a photo radar program would enhance our traffic safety capabilities, taking advantage of our already established programs and procedures. Adding cities to reduce speed limits in specified areas gives us another invaluable traffic safety tool.

The City of Salem appreciates your support for House Bill 2095.

Sincerely.

Mayor Chris Hoy City of Salem

cc: Salem Legislative Delegation