

Mayor Adams Statement on Agreement to Deliver 24/7/365 Speed Cameras, Safer Streets for New Yorkers

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NEW YORK – Following the introduction of legislation to allow speed cameras to monitor dangerous reckless driving in New York City 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, and extend the life-saving program for three years, New York City Mayor Adams today released the following statement:

“Make no mistake about it, this is a major victory for New Yorkers that will save lives and help stem the tide of traffic violence that has taken too many. We are investing a historic \$900 million in street safety and redesigning 1,000 intersections across the city – but we cannot do this alone, and my team and I have been working closely with our partners in Albany for months to get this done. I want to thank Speaker Heastie, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senator Gounardes, Assemblymember Glick, and all of my colleagues who helped us take this significant step. I now look forward to working with our partners in the City Council to deliver safer streets and a safer city for New Yorkers.”

As traffic violence continues to spike in New York City and across the country, speed cameras have proven incredibly effective at discouraging repeat speeding behavior. In 2021, the majority of vehicles that received one violation did not receive a second. As of December 2020, speeding at camera locations during hours of operation had dropped by an average of 72 percent. But in 2018, one in three deaths or serious injuries occurred while the cameras were not allowed to operate. This legislation will eliminate the restrictions on when cameras can operate.

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