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**#1E-2023-0603: RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY EDUCATION FUNDS ON
AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN SCHOOL ZONES**

WHEREAS, In 2015, the District of Columbia announced a Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic fatalities by 2024 but has recorded more traffic deaths in each subsequent year than when the program was launched; and

WHEREAS, There are four DCPS and DCPCS school zones in ANC 1E ¹; and

WHEREAS, The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is currently preparing its Triennial Highway Safety Plan (3HSP), a document submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) covering a three-year period of the District's highway safety program, geared towards "implementing behavioral changes to improve safety"; and

WHEREAS, past iterations of the 3HSP's Section 402 programs have focused on advertising and education in order to change driver behavior ²; and

WHEREAS, NHTSA's research has not fully determined that driver education on speeding is effective in reducing dangerous speeding ³; and

WHEREAS, NHTSA's research has determined that automated traffic enforcement is in the category of most effective methods of reducing dangerous speeding; and

WHEREAS, The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) created an exemption to allow the use of funds from Section 402, the State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program, for automated traffic enforcement in school and road work zones ⁴; and

WHEREAS, The BIL increased Section 402 funding to the District per fiscal year to approximately \$2.89 million per year until Fiscal Year 2026 ⁵; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Fiscal Year 2024 budget included \$9.4 million in funding for 170 new automated traffic enforcement cameras at an average cost of approximately \$55,000 each; and

¹ Schools include: Meridian Public Charter School - Middle School, E.L. Haynes PCS - Middle School, Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science PCS, and School without Walls – Francis Stevens

² District Department of Transportation FY2023 Highway Safety Plan

³ Countermeasures That Work: A Highway Safety Countermeasure Guide For State Highway Safety Offices Tenth Edition, 2020

⁴ § 1300.13 Special funding conditions for Section 402 grants.

⁵ FY 2023 S. 402, S. 405, S. 1906, S. 154 and S. 164 Award Amounts

WHEREAS, this funding is another avenue to utilize ATEs in higher risk areas; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 1E urges the District Department of Transportation, Highway Safety Office to include Automated Traffic Enforcement cameras to sufficiently cover all school zones in the District of Columbia under its 3HSP application to the NHTSA; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 1E urges the District of Columbia Council to dedicate any revenue from these additional cameras to physical traffic calming methods or other measures to slow down dangerous drivers near schools; and

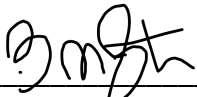
BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 1E designates Commissioner Josh Jacobson to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution; and

BE IT RESOLVED, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, ANC 1E authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this Resolution.

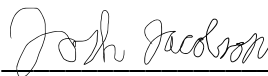
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Certification:

At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on June 28, 2023, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 6 Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.



Brian Footer
Chairperson, ANC 1E



Josh Jacobson
Secretary, ANC 1E