



MEMORANDUM

To: Ande Banks, City Manager

From: Kelley Warner, Chief of Police, and Thomas Hartman, PE, PMP, LEED AP,
Director of Public Works

Date: April 15, 2024

Subject: Update on Work Zone Speed Camera

Summary:

In May 2023 Harrisonburg City Council in accordance with VA Code § 46.2-882.1, adopted an ordinance that provided the City the ability to install photo speed enforcement devices in both work zones and school crossing zones. Over the course of seven months (September/2023-March/2024), monetary civil penalties were issued to motorists who exceeded at least 10 mph above the posted highway work zone of 25 mph limit located on East Market Street. The results of these efforts have shown a drastic decrease in the number of vehicles violating the speed limit; however, the violation *speeds* remain like when the program began.

Background:

The City has been successful with transportation funding and because of this is entering a period of time with significant transportation construction taking place around the City. Over the next 10 years the City will see approximately \$400 million in transportation improvements, and this includes the planned widening of I-81 through the City. Because of this increased amount of construction funding, there will be more work zones around the City and more workers in those work zones.

In 2022 Virginia experienced 184 work zone crashes, 104 injuries in work zones due to crashes, and 2 fatalities in work zones. The ability to use work zone speed cameras has given the City another resource to ensure that our construction work zones are as safe as possible, as it continues to provide speed enforcement within those work zones to ensure motorist and worker safety.

Key Issues:

N/A

Environmental Impact:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Prior Actions:

N/A

Alternatives:

N/A

Community Engagement:

N/A

Recommendation:

Staff recommends continued use of the work zone speed cameras. Despite the few obstacles presented, work zone speed cameras are effective and achieving the goal of changing behavior.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

Review: