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# Los Angeles Begins Construction of Automated Speed Safety System

Warning period for the program to begin on October 26

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The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), joined City leaders and transportation safety advocates to announce the start of construction for the City's Speed Safety Systems Program pilot. Los Angeles will implement the largest pilot program authorized under state law in the state of California. The first camera systems will activate on Monday, October 26, 2026. This critical new tool will support Los Angeles' effort to reduce reckless speeding and prevent traffic deaths and serious injuries on city streets.

"The safety of every Angeleno is my number one priority, and along with our State partners we're investing in a comprehensive approach to street safety that holds reckless drivers accountable," said Mayor Bass. "These speed safety cameras are bolstering our ability to protect LA families so they can get to school, work and home safely. I look forward to working with Angelenos to ensure this program is fair, transparent and meets the needs of every community."

"We have a serious problem on our streets with people driving recklessly and endangering the lives of our neighbors, our children, and our families," said Congresswoman Laura Friedman (CA-30). "I authored the legislation that made today possible so Los Angeles can test a proven, commonsense tool with privacy built in. These cameras only capture the rear license plate, don't film the driver, and the photos must be deleted within five days if there's no violation. This month, the program will go live outside schools, on our most dangerous corridors, and on streets plagued by street racing. In Congress, I'll continue working to keep our communities safe."

Earlier this year, the Los Angeles City Council authorized installation of 125 speed safety systems across all 15 City Council Districts. Locations were carefully selected through analysis of crash history, speeding data, and proximity to vulnerable populations, including schools, senior centers, and high injury corridors. Community and stakeholder feedback, including input from City Council offices, informed final location selections to ensure neighborhoods across Los Angeles are represented in the pilot.

The systems capture rear license plates of any vehicle traveling 11 miles per hour or more over the posted speed limit. That information is securely transmitted to LADOT's Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Division to confirm the violation. If confirmed, a civil speeding citation is mailed to the registered vehicle owner. Under the state law, the registered vehicle owner information can only be used for processing citations and cannot be shared with local, state, or federal law enforcement except when ordered by court-issued subpoena.

"Every day in Los Angeles, someone is walking a child to school, crossing to catch the bus, or helping a grandparent across the street, and speeding puts all of them at risk. It's one of the most preventable dangers on our streets," said Councilwoman Heather Hutt. "As Chair of the Transportation Committee, I'm proud that LA will deploy the largest Speed Safety System pilot in the state of California. This new tool will slow traffic around our schools so every family can get where they're going safely."

"Traffic violence kills more people in Los Angeles than homicides, but far too often, our policies don't treat reckless driving with the urgency it deserves," said Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez. "If we can prevent a child from being hit on the way to school, or a family from losing someone on the way home, then we have a responsibility to take action. This is about making our streets safer for everyone who drives, walks, or bikes in Los Angeles."

The first systems will be activated on October 26. All 125 cameras will be activated before the end of the calendar year. For each camera, a 60-day warning period will follow from the date of activation during which drivers speeding 11 mph or more

above the speed limit will receive written warnings only. After the warning period concludes, a first violation for traveling 11-15 mph above the speed limit will receive a warning while subsequent violations will receive civil speeding violations, starting at $50 and rising as speed increases. A vehicle traveling 16 mph or more over the speed limit will receive a civil speeding violation, starting at $100. Full schedule of fines can be seen at **LAspeedsafety.org.**

Revenue generated through the program will be reinvested directly into LADOT's traffic safety efforts across Los Angeles. Automated Speed Safety Systems are a proven way to reduce dangerous driving. San Francisco has observed a more than 70% decline in speeding following the activation of its speed camera system and cities like New York City have experienced a reduction of 75% in speeding tickets after implementation.

"As we continue our work to create safer streets for all Angelenos, LADOT is committed to tackling the traffic safety crisis with every innovative, data driven solution available," said LADOT General Manager Laura Rubio-Cornejo. "Speed safety systems have proven to be among the most effective tools we have to reduce dangerous speeding, prevent crashes, and save lives."

In preparation for the speed safety program, LADOT launched a multilingual public information campaign this summer to ensure Angelenos across the City understood the new program before it took effect. The ongoing campaign includes community events, digital advertising, billboards, and physical ads in multi-lingual papers across the City.

"Streets Are For Everyone has been proud to work with the City of Los Angeles for the past 3 years on this project—from legislation to implementation," said Damian Kevitt, Executive Director of Streets are for Everyone (SAFE). "We all know how bad speeding has gotten, and unfortunately it continues to be the single largest factor behind the increase in serious injuries and fatalities across Los Angeles. Given this, implementing speed safety systems could be the single most effective tool to save lives on LA roads since the seatbelt. We've already seen a 78% drop in speeding in San Francisco and a 42% drop in traffic fatalities in 2025. I look forward to seeing a similar drop in speeding and learning how many lives these speed safety systems will save in Los Angeles in 2027 and beyond."

For more information about Los Angeles' Speed Safety Systems Program pilot, including planned camera locations, program details, and how to share feedback, visit our **project website**.

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