

VIA EMAIL

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Colin Plant, Chair Board of Directors Capital Regional District PO Box 1000 Victoria BC V8W 2S6 Email:<u>crdchair@crd.bc.ca; dmarquez@crd.bc.ca</u>

Dear Colin Plant:

Thank you for your email of January 16, 2024, regarding your request to install additional red light and speeding cameras at high-risk intersections within the capital region.

The Intersection Safety Camera (ISC) program, which has been in operation since 1999, is a partnership between the Province, the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. All ISC sites were selected based on extensive data analysis to identify intersections where red-light running incidents were most frequent and resulted in serious crashes. Main factors considered during the site selection process include crash typology such as side impact, head on, rear end, crash severity, collision volume, and potential for improvement.

There are multiple approaches to improving road safety and creating effective deterrents to reduce speeding. Currently, we are continuing to explore many different approaches to further maximize road safety, including upgrades to existing technical infrastructure to improve speed compliance and additional use of automated enforcement technologies. Government is currently reviewing the ISC program, including opportunities to expand in the future. Any changes to the ISC program will require extensive engagement and approval from the Union of BC Municipalities.

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As we move into the future, we also recognize that new technologies will continue to play a greater role in all areas of police enforcement and road safety. It is through enhanced strategic enforcement actions, improved engineering, legislative reforms, and ongoing public education that we can make British Columbia's roads safer for all. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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Mike Farnworth Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier