



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Council Meeting
Meeting Date: November 2, 2026
From: Judge Kyndre Lundquist
Subject: Municipal Court: Traffic Safety Class for Eligible Offenders in Sandy

DECISION TO BE MADE:

Whether to begin offering a traffic safety class for eligible offenders starting January 1, 2027 in Sandy Municipal Court.

APPLICABLE COUNCIL GOAL:

n/a

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT:

The Sandy Municipal Court is the judicial branch of the City's government. The Judge, who is appointed by the City Council, ensures consistent service is provided to all defendants. The Court sees a variety of citations and related trials, ranging from municipal code violations to traffic violations. In early 2026, Judge Lundquist was appointed to the role. Since that time, Judge Lundquist and court staff have been tracking the volume of citations moving through the court, as well as requests and other comments from defendants. A summary of the first nine months (**January through September**) of this year compared to last year below:

	2025	2026
Violations	1,579	1,966
Trials	78	117

As you can see from the above table, the volume of work for the Court has steadily increased year over year especially as traffic enforcement has been increasingly prioritized. When Judge Lundquist was appointed, it was discussed that future changes or recommendations would be brought before the Council for their consideration.

Sandy is the only municipal court in Clackamas County that does not currently offer some form of traffic safety class. Implementing this program would give eligible drivers with otherwise good driving records an opportunity to keep minor traffic infractions off their driving records while refreshing their knowledge of safe driving practices.

Both the judge and court clerk regularly receive requests from drivers seeking a traffic class option, which is already available through other municipal courts in the county. In addition to providing a service that drivers have requested, the program could reduce the number of traffic trials held in court, thereby decreasing officer overtime costs.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS / ANALYSIS:

The Sandy Municipal Court is asking the City Council for the following:

- 1) To approve the implementation of a traffic safety course program for eligible offenders
- 2) To select one of the two proposed classes to offer (see attachments)

If the City Council approves implementation of this program, eligible individuals who receive a traffic citation may participate if they have had no moving violations within the past three years, do not hold a commercial driver's license, and meet other eligibility requirements.

Eligible violations would include, but not be limited to, certain speeding violations (excluding those involving speeds greater than 30 mph over the posted limit, which is a class A violation), failure to obey a traffic control device, and careless driving when no accident occurred. For reference, speed violations are broken down into the following classifications:

Classification	Speed (over posted)	Presumptive Fine
Class D	1 – 10 mph	\$115
Class C	11 – 20 mph	\$165
Class B	21 – 30 mph	\$265
Class A	>30 mph	\$440

To participate, the driver would pay the presumptive fine to the court, less the cost of the class. The driver would then be responsible for paying the class provider directly and completing the class within sixty days. Online class options are available. Upon completion, the driver would submit proof of completion to the court. The citation would then be dismissed and would not be reported to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Participation would be limited to once every three years. If a driver receives another eligible traffic citation within three years of participating in the program, they would not be eligible to participate again.

	Current Procedure	Proposed Procedure
Presumptive Fine	\$265	\$265
Reduction	20 (clean record)	50 (class fee)
State Share	50	--
County Share	16	--
Net to City	\$179	\$215

BUDGET IMPACT:

The budget impact of this program is expected to be a net positive. Currently, eligible drivers—those who have had no moving violations within the past three years—receive a \$20 discount on their fine. Under the proposed program, these drivers would instead pay the applicable fee, less the \$50 cost of the traffic class, which they would pay directly to the class provider. The payment made to the court would be designated as an administrative fee to cover the costs associated with processing and verifying class completion.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussing the traffic safety class program concept, and providing staff direction on the following:

- 1) Approve the implementation of a traffic safety course program for eligible offenders
- 2) Select one of the two proposed classes to offer (see attachments)

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

“I move to authorize the City Manager and the Municipal Judge to implement a traffic safety class program, with classes offered through [“Oregon Impact” or “UTurn 180”] as proposed in the staff report.”

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS / EXHIBITS:

- Flyer for [Oregon Impact](#) class (\$50 cost)
- Flyer for [UTurn 180](#) class (\$50 cost)