



Guide Dogs for the Blind

The Honorable Mayor Kathleen Walker
Sandy City Hall
39250 Pioneer Blvd.
Sandy, Oregon 97055

Dear Mayor Walker,

I am writing to express my strong support for the City of Sandy's continued commitment to traffic safety, and specifically to endorse the installation and use of speed and red-light enforcement cameras at key intersections and corridors throughout the city.

Sandy is widely recognized as a walkable, accessible community and, notably, one of our organization's major training areas for guide dogs. Each year, our instructors and clients—many of whom are blind or have low vision—rely on Sandy's streets, sidewalks, and intersections to safely train future guide dogs in real-world environments. These dogs must learn to navigate crossings, respond to traffic flow, and make life-saving decisions for their handlers. The predictability of vehicle behavior is essential to that training.

Unfortunately, excessive speeding and red-light violations pose a growing challenge to this work. Even a single vehicle failing to stop or traveling at unsafe speeds can undermine training, place our clients and instructors at risk, and potentially endanger the long-term safety of the individuals who will one day depend on these guide dogs for independence. We have observed that inconsistent driver compliance—particularly at busy intersections—creates conditions that are not only unsafe, but also detrimental to effective guide dog training.

The installation of speed and red-light enforcement cameras offers a practical, proven, and equitable approach to improving roadway behavior. These systems encourage consistent compliance with traffic laws, reduce dangerous driving behaviors, and help protect all road users—pedestrians, cyclists, people with disabilities, and drivers alike. Importantly, automated enforcement provides

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continuous deterrence without diverting law enforcement resources from other critical public safety needs.

For individuals who are blind or have low vision, safer intersections are not simply a convenience; they are fundamental to independence and mobility. Enhancing traffic safety through camera enforcement would directly support Sandy's reputation as an inclusive community and a city that values accessibility, safety, and shared responsibility.

I respectfully encourage the City of Sandy to move forward with the installation and thoughtful deployment of speed and red-light enforcement cameras in areas where data indicate elevated risk. Doing so would be a meaningful investment in public safety and would significantly benefit the guide dog teams who train and travel through your city every day.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this important matter.

Sincerely,

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