

Bill 11-23, Motor Vehicles and Traffic – Traffic Signals, Devices, and Automated Enforcement Plan

I am generally in support of the principle behind the legislation. I am opposed to blanket prohibitions on right turns on red as they increase traffic dwell times, increase carbon emissions and increase vehicle transit times generally.

I am opposed to additional automated traffic enforcement devices as they further the surveillance state, undermine the US Constitution and the penumbras of privacy and are utilized to create profit for private companies. I would support an amendment adding additional funding for police traffic patrol and police traffic enforcement and prohibiting private vendors from profiting from traffic enforcement. Such funding should go directly to the county as an essential governmental function.

I would request that the legislation also consider adding language to control traffic near schools. At Highland Elementary we have a severe problem with parents and teachers entering the parking lot for the parent drop off utilizing the “No Entrance” side and turning left at the “Right Turn Only” exit from the parking lot/parent drop off. I would encourage you to significantly increase traffic fines for violating traffic control devices and signage in school zones. I have witnessed infractions 4 of the last 5 times I have dropped my children off in the last two weeks.

Sincerely,

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