

Speed Safety Cameras— Making Our Neighborhoods Safer

Speed is THE leading cause of death and serious injury on San Francisco’s streets.

Speed safety cameras work by capturing the license plate numbers of vehicles going over the posted speed limit. SFMTA will issue a citation (ticket) to the vehicle owner for speeding, which will be delivered by mail.

Why now?

In 2023, the California State Legislature authorized a speed safety camera pilot program for six designated cities, including San Francisco, Oakland and San José. We’re excited to bring this new technology to SF in early 2025.

Where will speed safety cameras be installed?

Speed safety cameras will be dispersed across San Francisco in an equitable fashion—reflecting the diverse socio-economic makeup of the city. The program is intended to benefit all communities and not single out any particular neighborhood.

State law also mandates that ASE cameras may only be installed on City-owned streets like the ones described on back. After reviewing about 80 possible locations, the City identified 33 sites for the speed safety camera pilot project.



To stay up to date with the program, visit sfmta.com/speedcameras or email speedcameras@sfmta.com for more information about the program.



What Does This Mean for Me?

1. At what speed will I get a ticket and who sets the limit?

The speed thresholds and penalties are established by the state law. Drivers going at least 11mph over the posted speed limit will receive a citation. The penalties are proportional to the speed the driver is going.

2. How much is the ticket if I get caught?

Drivers caught driving 11mph to 15mph over the posted speed limit will receive a \$50 citation. Citations can reach up to \$500 if caught driving over 100mph.

3. What data is collected and who is it shared with?

Only the rear license plate of a speeding vehicle will be captured as part of the program. The data will be stored for SFMTA use only and will not be shared with any other agency, unless court ordered to do so. The data will be stored on SFMTA servers for up to 120 days.

4. Will the automated speed system be on all the time?

Once the program begins, the automated speed systems will be enforcing the speed limit at 33 locations 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

5. What are some alternatives to paying the citation?

Drivers who receive a citation have the option to participate in community service options in lieu of paying for the citation. There are also options for payment plans and discounts for low-income households.

6. Someone stole my car and I received a ticket. What happens now?

People who receive a citation because their car was stole are eligible to submit an affidavit of non liability.

Speed Safety Camera Placement

Cameras can make our streets safer by slowing driver speeds. Here are some examples of where SFMTA may place cameras:

PROTECTING NEIGHBORHOODS

In dense neighborhoods, high-intensity car traffic led to a history of crashes. Drivers may speed up to make it through a light or make a turn. A lot of car traffic, combined with people walking, biking and rolling, has led to a history of crashes.



SLOWING MAJOR STREETS

Cameras can help make sidewalks and crossings safer for people walking, rolling, and biking to the shops, businesses, tourist destinations and homes, especially when people cross without a stop light.

