

Legislation Text

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Calling on the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support House Bill 2233 of the 2015-2016 Session, currently before the Committee on Transportation, which amends Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes further providing for speed timing devices and providing a for pilot program for an automated speed enforcement system on designated highways.

WHEREAS, House Bill 2233 calls for a five-year test run to issue tickets to speeders clocked by radar guns and caught on camera going at least 11 miles over the limit on Roosevelt Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, A recent AAA motorist poll showed 52 percent of drivers in the region supported the use of speed cameras; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt Boulevard is regarded as one of the City's most dangerous roadways with 63 people killed in crashes and 4,700 injured since 2011; and

WHEREAS, One third of the people who have been killed were pedestrians trying to cross the street; and

WHEREAS, Roosevelt Boulevard is unique in that it is a major route with a very high volume of vehicles traveling daily thru heavily populated residential areas; and

WHEREAS, The proposed speed-cameras have been tested in other cities and were shown to prevent deaths and injuries as well as lowering speeding averages; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of Philadelphia has a vested interest in assuring the safety of travel on our roadways; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby stands in support to House Bill 2233 and calls on the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to support House Bill 2233 of the 2015-2016 Session, currently before the Committee on Transportation, which amends our State laws to allow for a pilot program for speed cameras on Roosevelt Boulevard.