

# Highway Speed Camera Pilot Program

### Goals

- Test speed camera technology (average speed method).
- Determine the impact on speeding behavior.
- Compile public response on the use of speed cameras.
  - WSDOT HSCPP Online Open House



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## Partnership with WSP and the Traffic Safety Commission

- Place cameras in high-speed, collision or fatality locations.
- Public notification and warning signs when approaching camera locations.
- Outreach and public engagement about the program and site selection process.
- Personally identifiable information will not be captured; license plates only.
- By mail: amount of potential fine and provide a safety message.
  - Violations and fines will not be issued
    - Courtesy Notices will be mailed at 1, 5, 10 ratio for instate residence only

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## **Program Reporting**

- Collect and report data to the Legislature.
   o Final report to be submitted fall of 2025, or sooner
- Describe public response to the program.
- Program runs until June 30, 2025.
  - Cameras will be removed from the field the week of 6/23/25

### Highway Speed Camera Pilot Program Report -

Transportation Committees, OFM and Governor's Office

 Program overview & goals, explanation of technology, deployment approaches and next steps.



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### • How and Why it Works

 Within automated speed enforcement, average speed method provides an alternative to single point speed capture

- Involves installation of multiple cameras along a route (may or may not involve advance warning signing)
- Can work 24 hours/day, 7 days/week
- · License Plates are captured at passing of each camera
- Times are then captured, and calculations performed (based on set distance) to determine if vehicles have exceeded posted speed\*
- · Violations are then mailed to offending driver
- Show generally universal reductions in speed and (where studied) crash volume from pre-condition
- Generally results in longer length of reduction of speed over point speed capture (time and distance halos)
  - \*Dependent on Speed Buffer

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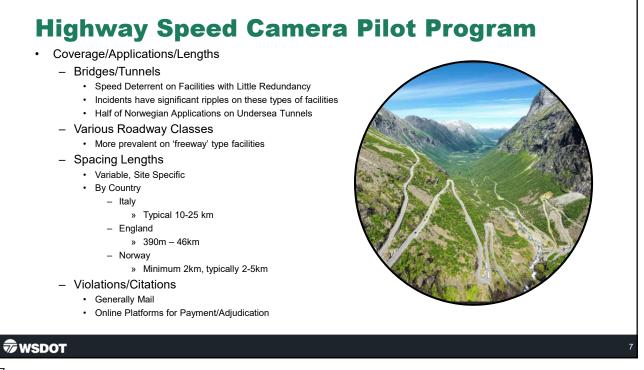
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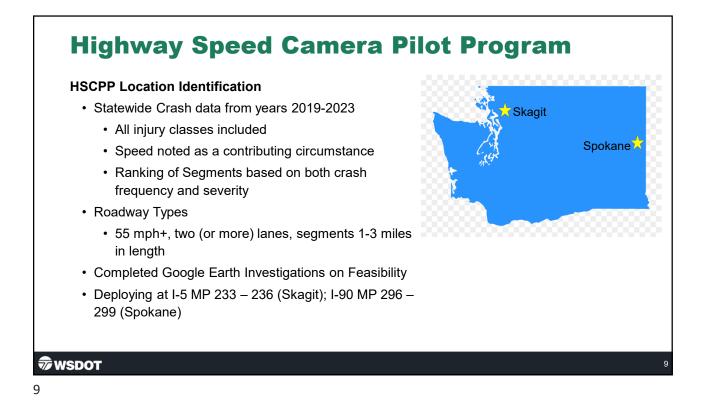
- Average Speed Method Detection and Enforcement is in place in the following locations:
  - Scandinavia
    - Norway (20 sites as of 2013, half in Tunnels)
    - Finland
  - Germany (First application in Lower Saxony)
  - Austria (Tunnel Application in Vienna)
  - Switzerland
  - Netherlands (E19 Rotterdam/Delft)
  - France (101 cameras in place as of 2017)
  - Italy (Safety Tutor, 2500 km, 37% of highway network)
  - England/Scotland (51 sites total in 2016 RAC Study)
  - Others
    - Australia/New Zealand
    - Kuwait

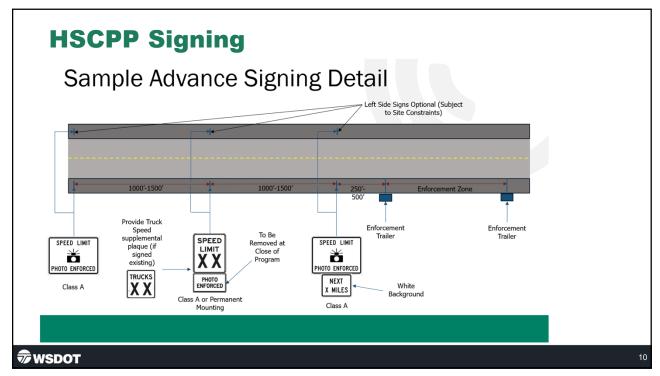


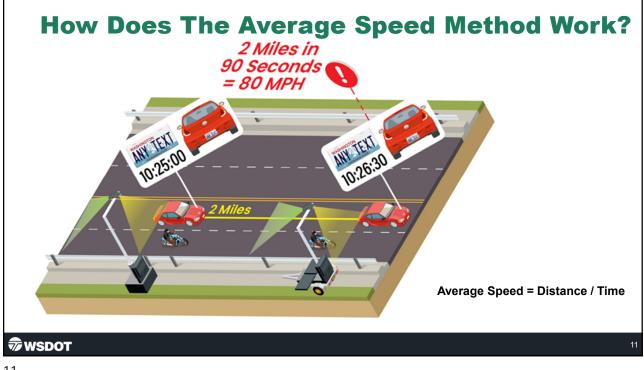
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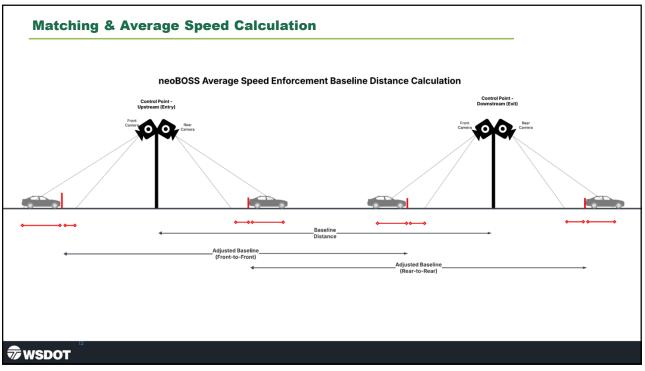


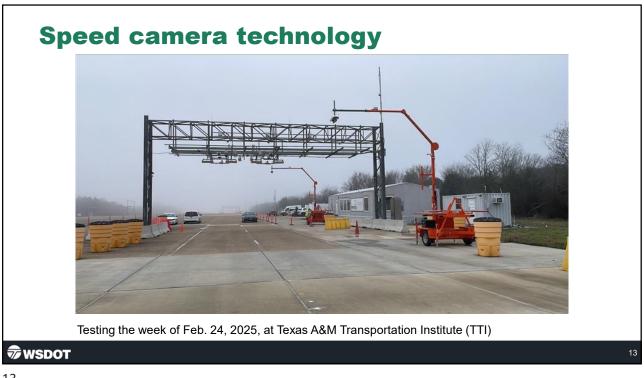




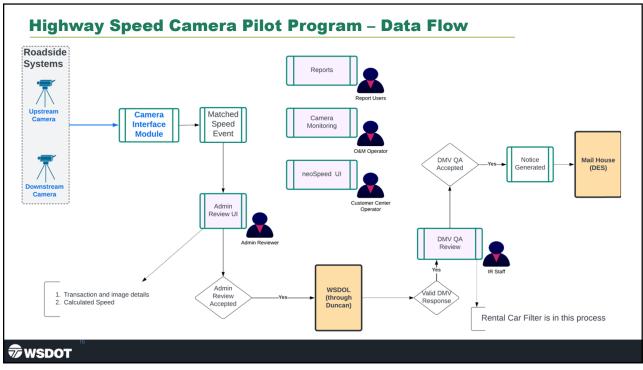


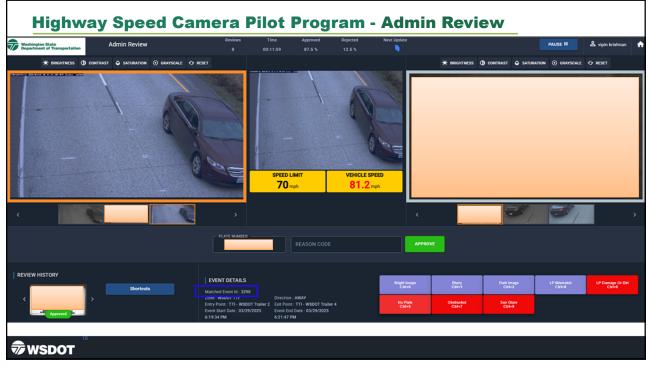




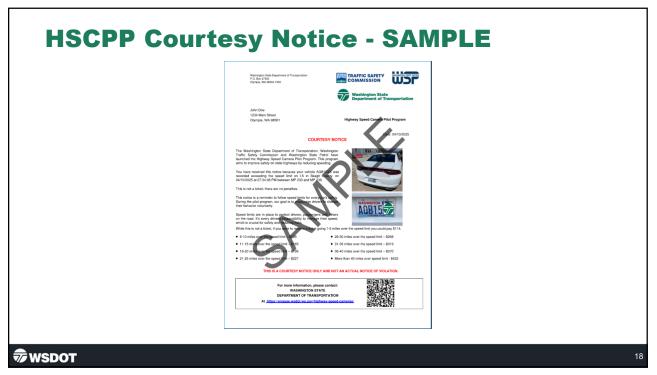


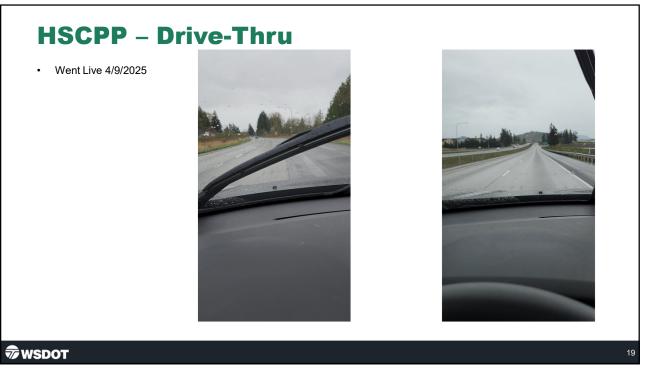






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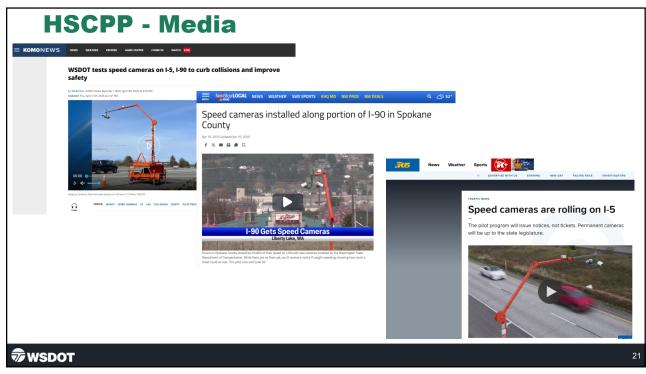


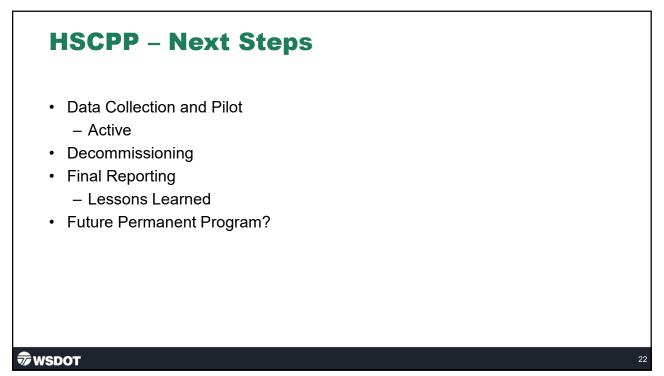


## **HSCPP – Public Response**

- Feedback received from Virtual Open House and in response to news outlet postings (<u>WSDOT HSCPP Online Open House</u>)
- General Themes
  - Some support from public...
    - 'This needs to be done.'
    - 'Speed is crazy at that spot...'
  - Some not so supportive:
    - · 'Big Brother'
    - 'Cash Grab'
    - 'Why don't you fix potholes and build better roads?'
    - 'Why not more police?'

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## **Questions?**

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