



Testimony by City of Wilsonville Mayor Julie Fitzgerald Supporting HB 2095:

Proposed Legislation Lifts State Preemption on Cities' Use of Photo Radar, Furthers Municipal Goals to Improve Driver and Pedestrian Safety

Scheduled for public hearing on January 31, 2023,
before the Joint Committee On Transportation

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain and members of the committee:

On behalf of the City of Wilsonville, which operates the South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) agency, I submit this testimony in support of HB 2095.

As one of Oregon's fastest-growing municipalities over the past 30 years, the City of Wilsonville would welcome the opportunity for potential use a new tool that has been proven to cost-effectively improve public safety on busy roads. Mobile and fixed photo radar can greatly enhance traffic safety for both drivers and pedestrians, and help to reduce incidences of vehicle crashes in our community.

While Wilsonville's residential population is now over 27,000, our city hosts approximately 21,000 jobs, of which 9 out of 10 positions are filled by workers who live elsewhere, swelling our community to a daytime count of nearly 45,000 persons. This level of economic activity produces a considerable number of auto trips.

As a traffic-compliance tool, photo radar can improve pedestrian safety in our school zones, along transit routes with bus stops and near our transit center. Photo radar offers a cost-effective traffic compliance tool in addition to deploying public-safety officers to high-crash corridors or intersections.

The City of Wilsonville urges a Do-Pass recommendation for HB 2095. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Fitzgerald".

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor
City of Wilsonville, operator of South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART)