

**Subject: Police Photo Speed Camera Program**

**FY 2023 Proposed Budget  
Budget Work Session Follow-up**

**3/15/2022**

The following information is provided in response to a request made by Ms. Cristol at the work session on 03/01/2022, regarding the following question:

*The Photo Speed Camera Program includes 1 FTE; is this the officer who reviews violations? Is the position therefore needed even if Arlington contracts out our speed enforcement program?*

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The Photo Speed Program is a new program, [adopted by the Board](#), to improve pedestrian safety by leveraging automated technology to regulate speed in school and work zones. Implementation of the program and management of the technology will be done by a third-party vendor, similar to the County's PhotoRed Program. Once under contract, the vendor will handle all facets of the program's administration including a location suitability study, the installation of equipment, processing of the tickets generated, and other technology management.

However, the state's enabling legislation ([VA Code Section 46.2-882.1](#)) for the Photo Speed Program requires that localities have a "sworn law enforcement officer" determine whether a violation has occurred; should a citation be contested, the officer would also provide court testimony. To fulfill that requirement, an Administrative Technician II, who will receive a Special Police Officer certification through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice, is included in the FY 2023 County Manager's Proposed Budget.