

Additional HB 349 Support -Ron Weiss

Background and Status of the MD 210 Speed Camera Program

*This is based on my 7 years of MD 210 Traffic Safety Committee membership and is **not official PGPD information.***

1. Transition to a New Speed Camera Vendor

- Over the last **two years**, Prince George's Police Department has been transitioning to a new vendor for automated speed enforcement.
- **Automated enforcement programs** are typically outsourced to private vendors, who provide the technology and operational support.
- Prince George's County has gone through **three vendors** since the program began in **2010**, each transition bringing **lessons learned**.
- The **previous vendor** had significant **data reliability issues** and **technical failures**.

2. Issues with the Previous Vendor

- One of the major **red flags** with the previous vendor's system was that **no citations were issued for speeds above 89 mph**, despite community reports of extreme speeding.
- After **1.5 years of investigation**, it was determined that a **software bug** was **discarding high-speed violations**.
- The lack of accurate data **misrepresented the extent of the speeding problem on MD 210**, weakening enforcement efforts.

3. Improvements with the New Vendor (Since Mid-2024)

- A new contract was secured at the **start of 2024**, and the **first six cameras** were installed on MD 210 by **July 2024**.
- These new cameras are **highly advanced**, providing **dramatic improvements** in speed enforcement accuracy.
- **Key findings:**
 - The new system issued **5-10 times more citations** than the previous vendor.
 - The **speed data now aligns more closely** with community observations.
 - Citations for **extreme speeding (above 89 mph)** are now being recorded properly.