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**WHITE PLAINS BEGINS PHASE II OF RED LIGHT  
SAFETY CAMERA PROGRAM**

**White Plains, NY – September 26, 2019.** Phase II of the City of White Plains Red Light Safety Camera program will launch on or about October 1st. This final phase will include the installation of nine additional cameras at seven intersections, bringing the total number of intersections to 12, the amount authorized by New York State. Cameras will capture still images and video of red-light running violations. This is a public safety program, and the city’s goal is to deter red light runners and improper turns on red and prevent collisions resulting from these violations.

Traffic safety cameras will begin operating at the following locations starting on or about October 1<sup>st</sup>:

SB South Lexington Ave @ Maple Ave  
EB Main St @ Bank St  
WB Martine Ave @ Mamaroneck Ave

Traffic safety cameras will begin operating at these remaining locations later in the fall:

WB Hamilton Ave @ Cottage Pl  
NB Mamaroneck Ave @ Ridgeway  
NB Mamaroneck Ave @ Bryant Ave  
NB North St @ Bryant Ave  
SB Tarrytown Rd @ Central Ave  
EB Westchester Ave @ South Kensico Ave

Cameras will operate 24-hours/day and capture images of every vehicle running a red light at the designated intersections. Warning signs alerting drivers to the intersection safety cameras have been installed. Violators will receive a Notice of Liability (NOL) in the mail, which includes instructions on how to access the still images and video of the violation. The NOL carries a fine



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of \$50.00 but does not result in any points being added to your license. The NOL is issued to the registered owner of the vehicle. This program is administered by Verra Mobility, with each violation reviewed and approved by the White Plains Department of Public Safety prior to being issued.

Phase I of this program included the installation of traffic safety cameras at the following intersections (6 cameras at 5 intersections) in July of 2018:

SB Mamaroneck Ave @ Bryant Ave

EB Main St @ Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

NB Bank St @ Hamilton Ave

WB Hamilton Ave @ Bank St

WB Westchester Ave @ South Kensico Ave

SB North Broadway @ Hamilton Ave

In the program’s first year of operation (8/1/18 – 7/31/19), intersections with red light cameras saw a 15% reduction in injury crashes and a 26% reduction in angle, left turn opposing, and pedestrian crashes (combined). Those types of crashes are the types targeted by this program. Total crashes were reduced by 18%. Recently released data analysis from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety showed that red light running is up nationwide. In its report the AAA Foundation also cited the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), which “found that when properly implemented, red light cameras reduced the fatal red light running crash rate of large cities by 21% and the rate of all types of fatal crashes at signalized intersections by 14%.” For more information, click [here](#).

The city received state authorization to establish a red light camera program in August 2015. The authorization was for a modest program with cameras permitted at “up to 12 intersections” in the city. For comparison purposes, this amount of authorized intersections is on par with New Rochelle (authorized in 2014). The Cities of Mt. Vernon and Albany have state authorization for cameras at up to 20 intersections. Yonkers is authorized to place cameras at up to 25 intersections. The City Rochester – at up to 50 locations, Nassau and Suffolk Counties – at up to 100 locations each, and New York City – at up to 150 locations. Each of these red light camera programs is authorized for a 5 year period by the State Legislature, including the White Plains program, and must be renewed by the State Legislature.



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The city will continue to closely monitor program and accident data in order to determine whether to seek a renewal from the State Legislature in 2020. Intersection safety technology is just one tool in the city’s tool box to make local streets safer for everyone, including other vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists. White Plains Police will continue to maintain a strong patrol presence throughout the city.

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## **Red Light Safety Camera Program FAQs**

### *Why has the City of White Plains implemented a Red Light Safety Camera Program?*

The purpose of this program is to increase traffic safety in the City of White Plains by reducing red-light running violations, collisions, and injuries.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2016, more than 800 people were killed in red-light running crashes nationally. Traffic crashes are the single most significant cause of preventable death and injury in North America. Public costs exceed \$14 billion per year, and more than half of the deaths in red-light running crashes are other motorists and pedestrians. An analysis of the most recent crash data available by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety shows 939 people were killed in red light running crashes in 2017 — a 10-year high and a 28% increase since 2012. Red-light running is a deadly epidemic. Red-light safety camera programs have proven to reduce the number of red-light running collisions and their associated injuries and fatalities.

### *What is a red light running violation?*

A red light running violation occurs when a motorist enters an intersection after the traffic signal has turned red. A red light running violation also occurs when a vehicle does not come to a full and complete stop for a right-turn-on-red. This violation, in both situations, is a non-moving infraction and does not result in the assessment of points against the driver.

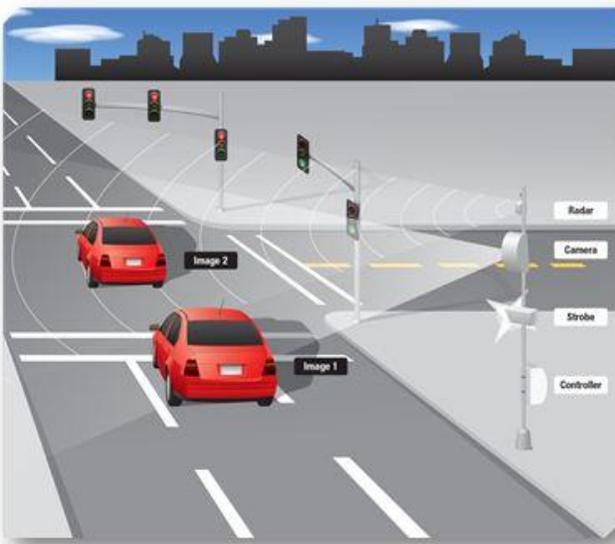


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### *How does the Red Light Safety Camera work?*



**Image #1** The 1<sup>st</sup> Image records the vehicle behind the violation point while the light is red

**Image #2** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Image records the vehicle proceeding through the intersection while the light is red

- The system activates when motion is detected just prior to the stop bar AFTER the traffic signal has turned red. The cameras capture two images of an alleged violation, taken from the rear of the vehicle.
- The first image shows the vehicle at the white stop bar and the illuminated red light.
- The second image shows the violator in the middle of the intersection with the red light illuminated.
- The license plate image is a close-up from one of the images captured.
- Data, including the time, date, and duration of the yellow and red lights, also is recorded.
- Cameras also record a 12-second digital video of the violation, including six seconds prior to and six seconds after running the red light.