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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS H.3754 AND AUTOMATED ROAD SAFETY ENFORCEMENT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Boston averages over 1,900 serious or fatal crashes per year between motorists and pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists, caused by speeding, disregard for traffic lights and signage, poor road design, and insufficient pedestrian infrastructure which puts pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists in path of each other; *and*

WHEREAS, Traffic fatalities and injuries continue to happen— with some of the most accident prone intersections being found in Boston’s underserved communities— despite the City’s commitment to Vision Zero and making significant investments in pedestrian infrastructure; *and*

WHEREAS, Residents across the city are calling for safer roads, in the form of continued investments in pedestrian and traffic calming infrastructure, but also in the form of more enforcement of traffic laws to hold negligent motorists accountable; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston Police Department is in an officer deficit, stretching thin their ability to place traffic monitoring cruisers at key intersections and roads, and alternative means of enforcement should be explored to reduce the staffing burden while continuing to meet the demand for more traffic enforcement; *and*

WHEREAS, Municipalities across the country have utilized cameras for automated road safety enforcement to great success and built reputations of strict road safety law adherence; *and*

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts State Legislature and the Governor previously approved the installation of camera-based enforcement of traffic violations committed toward school buses and in bus lanes, indicating a willingness to explore this new tool; *and*

WHEREAS, H.3754, An Act Relative to Traffic Regulation Using Road Safety Cameras, has been placed in the Massachusetts State Legislature’s Joint Committee on Transportation, which will empower municipalities to utilize automated road safety enforcement methods; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on automated road safety enforcement. Administration officials, the Boston Police

Department, experts on automated road safety enforcement, and community members will be invited to testify.

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