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From: Nicholas <xxxxxx@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2024 10:33 PM
To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <xxxxxx@a2gov.org>
Subject: Stop Sign Violations

Dear Commission,

I am writing to you to strongly suggest you consider installing stop sign enforcement cameras at stop signs around Ann Arbor.

I live on Pittsfield Blvd. I walk through the intersection of Pittsfield Blvd and Parkwood Ave everyday on my way to work and to the grocery store. Everytime I walk through that intersection, I fear for my life. One time, I was almost hit by a driver while I was in the crosswalk there in broad daylight. The driver stopped, saw me, and proceeded through the intersection while staring at me. I was halfway across the crosswalk and the driver passed feet in front of me. I was shocked and frightened by the driver's callous disregard for me.

I was fed up, so I decided to collect some data. On Saturday, July 15, 2024, I sat at that intersection and recorded how many drivers came to a stop at the intersection. It is a 4 way residential intersection controlled by clearly visible stop signs with clearly visible crosswalk and limit line paint. I observed for 15 minutes from 4:47pm to 5:02pm. I observed 101 cars during that time. Only 12 drivers came to a complete stop behind the limit line. 9 more came to a complete stop beyond the limit line in crosswalk. 80 drivers did not stop at all, either rolling through or sometimes blowing through the stop sign with no deceleration at all. I observed 1 pedestrian and 1 bike pass through during that time. 80% of drivers failing to stop at all is atrocious. Only 12% of drivers coming to a legal stop behind the limit line is a horrific fact for anyone walking through that intersection.

For these reasons, I strongly suggest Ann Arbor increase stop sign enforcement through the use of cameras. A handful of states and Washington DC are using stop sign cameras successfully. Ann Arbor should follow suit and enforce the law for the sake of pedestrian safety. Drivers must face consequences for disobeying the law and gambling with the lives of people using the crosswalks. Nobody should have to wonder if today is going to be the day they get maimed walking across the street in their own neighborhood.

Thank you,
Nicholas Kozitza

Further reading on Washington DC stop sign cameras:

- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2024/06/16/traffic-cameras-dc-speeding/>

- <https://ddot.dc.gov/release/ddot-deploying-automated-traffic-enforcement-cameras-new-locations-december>