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Romella,

Could you share this message with the BPAC folks? Thank you!

Hello BPAC folks,

My apologies for the mass email, but I wanted to correct a common misconception I heard at the last BPAC meeting. Briefly, red light cameras have been shown to decrease total crashes and decrease the severity and cost of those crashes. Red light cameras are supported by the Federal Highway Administration and the Governors Highway Safety Administration, and are allowed in 22 states. Here are the [details of the study](#) that looked at the results in 7 different cities and found a net positive impact.

The confusion comes from the fact that these cameras both decrease right angle crashes and increase less severe rear end crashes. Focusing on one result but not the other is a bit misleading, like telling people that wearing a seatbelt makes you more likely to drown - that may be true, but the overall impact of seatbelts, and red light cameras, is positive. In addition, I would argue that speeding and lack of attention are what cause rear end crashes at intersections, not cameras.

With that said, I am 100% in favor of more traffic enforcement in this city, especially if this can be done with speed cameras, noise cameras, and red light cameras.

Thanks for all the work you do to make biking and walking safer in the city! And I especially appreciate your attention to the Steven Ballinger crash!

Sincerely,
Kai Filion