Staff Summary



Subject	Date		
Work Zone Speed Enforcement Program	October 29, 2025		
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Board Action				Internal Approvals		
2	Board	10/29/25		N?	3	President
1	B&T Comm	10/27/25		ALCC	2	Chief Operating Officer
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I. PURPOSE:

To obtain the Board's approval of the annexed Resolution in accordance with amended Section 1180-e (2-a) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, which requires the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority (TBTA) hold a public hearing and receive board approval to authorize the TBTA President or designee to take all such steps that may be necessary and desirable for TBTA to establish, pursuant to law, a Work Zone Speed Enforcement (WZSE) Program.

II. DISCUSSION:

New York State enacted WZSE in 2021. After the New York State Thruway Authority and the New York State Department of Transportation implemented WZSE, the law was expanded to include TBTA in 2025.

WZSE has been shown to deter speeding in maintenance and construction zones, enhancing worker and traveler safety. For example, NYSDOT's first annual report found the percentage of vehicles traveling in WZSE enforced work zones that exceeded the posted speed limit by 10 mph declined after the program was in place for several months. In 2024, Connecticut's pilot study on automated WZSE found that four out of five

locations analyzed had significant reductions in drivers speed when compared to the period prior to enforcement. In particular, speeding was reduced at two work zones on I-95 by 17 to 18 percent. TBTA's proposed WZSE program will use technology, including radar and automated cameras, to identify vehicles driving ten miles per hour or more above the posted speed limit in an active work zone. The radar and cameras will only operate in work zones when workers are present. The WZSE equipment can be placed in an active work zone at any one of TBTA's bridge and tunnel facilities.

Pursuant to the enabling legislation, the information collected through the WZSE system will be reviewed by a qualified technician, who will certify that the information collected is accurate. Vehicle registrants will receive a notice of liability with fine amounts ranging from \$50 to \$100. The New York City Department of Finance Parking Violations Bureau will conduct appeals and adjudications.

Two public hearings were conducted in which members of the public were invited to comment on the proposed program. Information was also posted on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) website offering the public the opportunity to submit written comments online, and by email and mail. Transcripts of the hearing testimony and copies of written and recorded statements have been distributed to Board members for their consideration.

If approved, the program is anticipated to commence in the second guarter of 2026.

III. IMPACT ON FUNDING:

Adoption of this Resolution and implementation of the WZSE program is anticipated to raise revenues in 2026 and subsequent years through collection of fines. TBTA will receive 80% of the fines collected. After paying operating costs, 60% of the remaining funds are to be allocated to work zone safety projects. As the Program continues, the expectation is that the Program will successfully enhance safety and deter drivers from speeding.

IV. RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board adopt and approve the attached Resolution authorizing the President or designee to take all such steps that may be necessary and desirable for TBTA to establish, pursuant to law, a Work Zone Speed Enforcement (WZSE) Program.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 1180-e of the Vehicle and Traffic Law authorizes the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority (the Authority) to establish a demonstration program imposing registered vehicle owner liability for failure of the vehicle operator to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits in highway construction or maintenance work areas on Authority facilities pursuant to a Work Zone Speed Enforcement program (WZSE); and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing and approval of the WZSE program by the Board, the President of the Authority, in consultation with the chief of the metropolitan transportation authority police department or the Chief of the Authority peace officers, shall determine the location of the highway construction or maintenance work areas located on Authority facilities in which to install and operate photo speed violation monitoring systems; and

WHEREAS, advertisements of public hearing on the proposed WZSE program were published by the Authority in print media outlets, including the New York Daily News, the Daily Challenge, the Jewish Press, the Bronx Times, El Diario, Haiti Liberte, Weekly Bangalee, the New Amsterdam News, the Staten Island Advance, the Straus Manhattan, the Riverdale Press, the Chinese World Journal, the Russkaya Reklama, the Harlem Community News, the Queens Chronicle, the Rockaway Wave, NJ.COM (Newark Star-Ledger), and Korea Daily New York; the Authority also provided notice of the hearings in two press releases, on the MTA website, and via Instagram Stories, Facebook, Threads, BlueSky, and LinkedIn; and the Authority also sent 284,253 emails to private and commercial MTA E-ZPass customers; and

WHEREAS, two hybrid public hearings were conducted by the Authority, at the times set forth in the aforesaid notices of public hearings, at which all persons who wished to comment on the proposed WZSE program were permitted to speak and written comments for inclusion in the record of the proceeding were invited and accepted until October 10, 2025, at New York City Transit Authority, New York, NY on October 6, 2025 and October 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the testimony of the public at the hybrid public hearings and the written comments that were submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the recent amendments to WZSE pursuant to Section1180-e(2-a) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, current practices of other state agencies as well as safety impacts; and considers that WZSE will improve safety in Authority work zones; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered all of the above.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of the Authority:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 1180-e(2-a) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Board of Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority (Authority) hereby authorizes the design and implementation of a demonstration program imposing owner liability for failure of an operator to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits in highway construction or maintenance work areas on up to nine Authority facilities, also known as the Work Zone Speed Enforcement Program (WZSE), and the President of the Authority and designees are hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary or desirable to establish such WZSE program.

October 27, 2025

New York, New York