

# Automated Speed Enforcement Agreement

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# The Core Commitment

The Automated Speed Camera program, launched in 2025 after public hearings and County Council approval, aims to deter speeding and reduce traffic accidents. Revenue from citations will fund local safety initiatives. Developed transparently in partnership with Los Alamos National Laboratory, the program aligns with broader community safety efforts.

Los Alamos County is committed to improving roadway safety while protecting privacy and maintaining public trust. The Automated Speed Enforcement Program focuses on fair, data-driven enforcement to prevent accidents and is not intended to monitor lawful activities or to conduct mass surveillance.

Clear policies will govern data collection, access, and retention. All program data will be under County control, accessible only to authorized personnel, and subject to audits. Transparency and accountability in managing public data are essential to the program's implementation.

# Speed Camera Program Implementation Timeline

- July 2026: Agreement execution and project kickoff meeting within 10 business days.
- Month 1: Finalize project schedule, identify camera locations, establish protocols, and assign user access.
- Months 1 to 3: Site analysis, engineering review, utility coordination, permitting, and equipment procurement.
- Months 3 to 5: Camera installation, system configuration, testing, calibration, staff training, and public education.
- Month 6: All camera locations operational and system acceptance completed. The agreement requires all cameras to be fully installed and operational within six months of the effective date, subject to approved schedule adjustments.

# Data Driven Site Selection

The County has not finalized future camera locations.

Los Alamos County is currently collecting and analyzing traffic data throughout the County to identify areas with the greatest safety concerns.

Data reviewed may include:

- Traffic volumes
- Vehicle speeds and speed trends
- Crash history and severity
- School zones and pedestrian activity
- Citizen complaints and community concerns
- Traffic engineering analysis

Camera locations will be selected based on documented safety needs and objective data to ensure resources are deployed effectively and equitably throughout the county.

Traffic data will continue to be collected even when cameras are not actively issuing violations to measure program effectiveness and support future safety decisions.

# Speed Violation Process

- The speed camera detects a vehicle exceeding the enforcement threshold.
- Camera captures multiple images of the violation, including a close-up image of the license plate.
- Contractor personnel review images and enter violation event data.
- A police officer reviews and approves all violations before a notice is issued.
- Registered owner information is obtained through authorized motor vehicle databases.
- A warning notice or fine notification is generated and mailed to the registered owner.
- The recipient may pay the fine, submit an Owner's Affidavit, or request an in-person, virtual, or paper hearing.
- Contractor processes payments, updates account status, and deposits revenue into a county-designated account.
- Contested cases proceed through the hearing and adjudication process.
- Final case disposition, reporting, and record retention are maintained in the system.

## Conclusion & Questions

The Automated Speed Enforcement Program represents an important investment in the safety of our community. The program is intended to reduce dangerous speeding behaviors, prevent crashes, and encourage voluntary compliance with posted speed limits through fair, objective, and data-driven enforcement.

Los Alamos County remains committed to implementing this program in a transparent and responsible manner. Camera locations will be selected based on documented safety needs, and clear policies, strict access controls, regular audits, and compliance with applicable state and federal laws will govern program operations.

By combining technology, transparency, and community engagement, the County seeks to improve roadway safety while maintaining the public's trust and confidence.

With the Modaxo agreement finalized, kicking-off this new program implementation in July 2026.