

Slow Down Albuquerque: More Speed Cameras Coming

A new contract will allow the City to add 8 cameras this fall

ALBUQUERQUE – The City of Albuquerque will soon expand its Automated Speed Enforcement camera program with 8 additional cameras.

The City has a new ASE vendor, Elovate, that has fully swapped out 20 older ASE cameras with 20 new, multiple lens, cameras. The ASE program hopes to have 8 more cameras installed across the city by the end of 2025.

In 2022, the City of Albuquerque installed Automated Speed Enforcement cameras to help address widespread, dangerous speeding on city streets. City data is showing significant changes in driver behavior, with both average speeds and the number of drivers speeding decreasing.

“Fatal traffic crashes are down 20 percent this year,” said **Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller**. “We are investing in the technology that will slow drivers down and make our streets safer for everyone.”

ASE cameras are in 20 critical arteries in Albuquerque that were selected using a mix of crash data, the High Fatality and Injury Network maps, and local input. Since the program began, nearly 360,000 citations have been issued. With the new contract, we will be able to add eight more cameras by the end of the year.

“ASE cameras are catching on nationwide as they can dramatically slow down traffic all day, every day,” said **Jennifer Turner, Director of the Department of Municipal Development**. “Our program has shown that speed cameras do work in Albuquerque and that drivers are slowing down. Slower speeds mean safer driving”

“Automated speed enforcement cameras are a force multiplier for APD,” said **Chief Harold Medina**. “The program helps deter people from speeding and allows officers to conduct enforcement in other parts of the city.”

Elovate, the City’s new ASE contractor, and local residents work together to decide on locations of new cameras. They are placed in areas that have been identified on our High Fatality and Injury Network (HIFIN) map in areas where speeding cars cause crashes. The city has signed an MOU with the New Mexico Department of

Transportation for the three cameras on state roads, including Coors Blvd. and Paseo del Norte.

ASE by the numbers:

- All 20 cameras saw between a 42% to 89.2% decrease in drivers exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 10 mph
- All 20 cameras saw between a 0.3 mph to 8.3 mph decrease in average driver speed
- The average speed on Gibson near Carlisle, going eastbound, has decrease by 7.2 mph
- 98th St and Tower saw an 89.2% decrease in speeders
- Cameras installed the longest (Gibson) saw the greatest reductions in speed
- The average speed on Montgomery and Jennifer is now just 3 mph over the posted limit
- On Lead at Mesa, the average speed is about 2 mph UNDER the posted limit of 30 mph

Today, there are 20 cameras across the city. The newest three cameras were added in late 2023 on Coors and also on Paseo del Norte. DMD, APD, and Elovate pick locations for the cameras with neighborhood input.

The new cameras are planned for:

1. Central, between Louisiana and San Pedro, eastbound
2. Central, between Louisiana and San Pedro, westbound
3. Lead near Bryn Mawr
4. Coors north of St. Joseph, southbound
5. Coors north of St. Joseph, northbound
6. Eubank, south of Montgomery, southbound
7. Tramway south of Lomas
8. Carlisle near Delamar

A simple 10% reduction in speed can reduce the number of significant crashes by up to 19%, and can reduce the number of fatal car crashes by 34%.

Current Camera Locations:

1. Gibson between Carlisle and San Mateo (eastbound) Live 4/25/2022
2. Gibson between Carlisle and San Mateo (westbound) Live 4/25/2022
3. Unser at Tower (northbound) Live 6/10/2022
4. San Mateo just north of Montgomery (southbound) Live 8/01/2022
5. Lomas at Virginia (westbound) Live 8/01/2022
6. Unser at Flor Del Sol (just north of Dellyne, northbound) Live 8/01/2022
7. Broadway at Iron (southbound) recently moved.
8. Lead at Mesa (westbound) Live 8/08/2022
9. Central in between Tingley and New York (westbound) Live 8/15/2022
10. Montgomery & Jennifer (westbound) Live 3/13/2023

11. Montgomery & Julie (eastbound) Live 3/13/2023
12. 98th between Tower and Central (northbound) Live 3/29/2023
13. Avenida Cesar Chavez and Walter (eastbound) Live 4/12/2023
14. Eubank just north of Central (northbound) Live 4/26/2023
15. Ellison & Black Diversion Channel Trail crossing (eastbound) Live 5/5/2023
16. Lomas near 3rd Street (eastbound) Live 5/12/2023
17. Wyoming just north of Academy (northbound) Live 5/23/2023
18. Coors just south of Ellison (southbound) Live 12/2023
19. Paseo del Norte at Louisiana (westbound) Live 12/2023
20. Coors between Montañó and Paseo del Norte (northbound) Live 12/2023

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