

Automated Speed Enforcement using Speed Safety Camera Systems (SSCS) in Work Zones

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Work Zone Safety Initiatives

Reducing speeding in work zones is critical to increasing the safety of workers and the traveling public

- Lighter non-commute hour traffic since the pandemic has led to an increase in erratic and speeding drivers (including 100+ mph)
- Speeds in several WA counties **increased an average of 10%** from July 31, 2019, compared to same day in 2021.
- Daily speeds **averaged 12% higher** in three largest counties (King, Pierce and Snohomish) compared to pre-pandemic levels between March and July
- Of 1,313 statewide work zone collisions reported in 2022, 242 crashes can be attributed to high speed alone
- WSDOT and highway construction contractors continue to see a high number of speed related collisions and near misses in work zones



Higher speeds in work zones can and have often led to more severe injury and fatalities when collisions occur

ESSB 5272: Speed Safety Camera Systems

WSDOT and partners requested the work zone speed camera legislation due to increases in erratic and unsafe driving in work zones.

- The Washington State Legislature unanimously passed the new law in March 2023, authorizing use of automated Speed Safety Camera Systems in active work zones on state highways to:
 - Help reduce vehicle speeds
 - Increase overall safety for travelers and workers
- Cameras will be in place by July 1, 2024; will be in place through June 30, 2030.
- Currently working to better understand how these systems are deployed around the country; early discussions of rulemaking process and developing a Request for Proposal to solicit bids from qualified vendors.



Governor Inslee signed this bill into law at the WSDOT Worker Memorial Ceremony, April 4, 2023

Next Steps: Rule Making

This is a collaborative effort: There was strong support from all partners, both private and public.

Rule making:

- WSDOT to make rules to implement, administer and operate speed safety camera systems on state highway work zones
- Washington State Patrol to make rules and manage law enforcement activities such as issuing infractions and adjudication processes with Washington's Office of Administrative Hearing

Legislation also requires input from agency partners including, but not limited to:

- State Department of Licensing
- Washington Traffic Safety Commission
- Organizations dedicated to the protection of civil liberties to ensure equity and access to justice for all

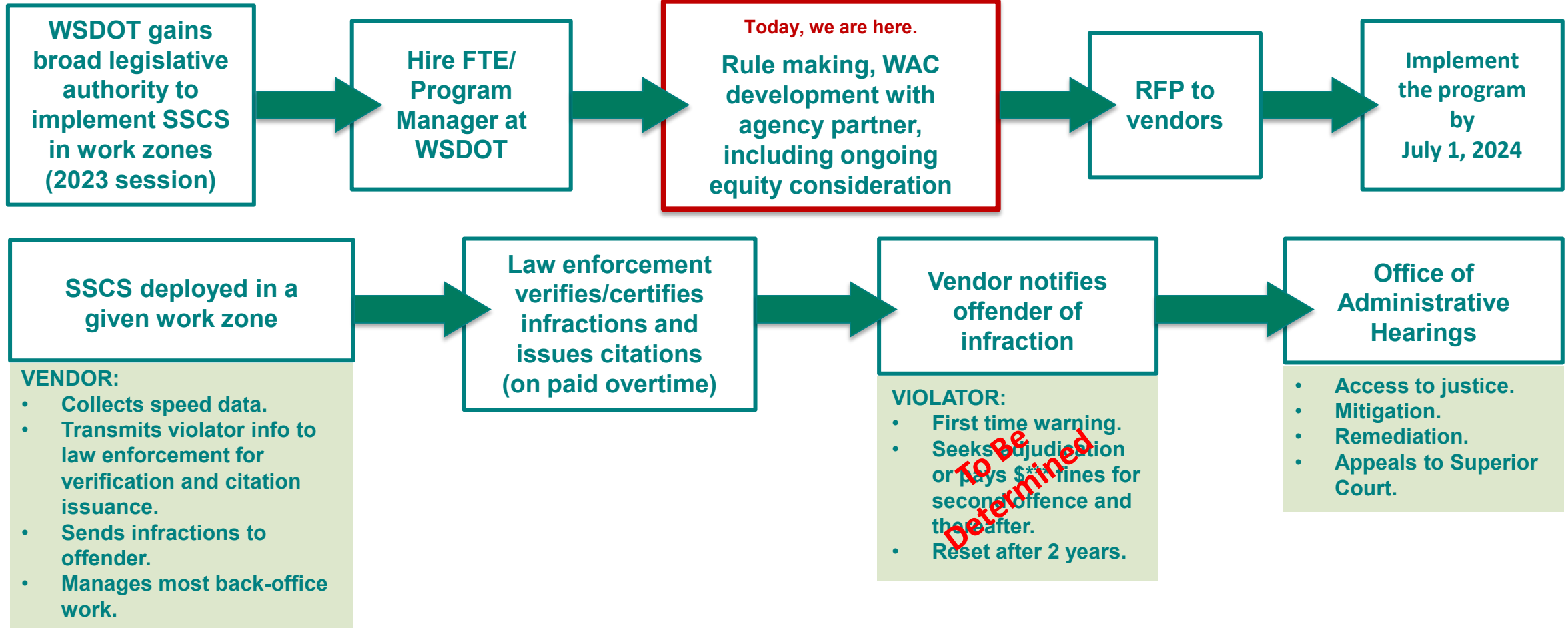


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Anticipated Process

Questions

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