

Comment from Michael Foster

I am strongly against replacing rear-view mirrors with cameras. Doing so is incredibly careless not just in regard to the cost of purchasing and maintaining a vehicle, but also with the safety of vehicle operators and pedestrians.

1. Including additional cameras will notably increase the cost to produce, purchase, and repair a vehicle

2. Cameras have many disadvantages and weaknesses that mirrors do not, including:

- * the total viewport is very easily obstructed by dirt
- * cameras are very vulnerable to being blinded by sunlight
- * the cost to replace a camera versus a mirror is very high, and will contribute to owners opting to not replace broken ones, reducing visibility and road safety
- * cameras are much more difficult to aim and provide a much narrower field of view
- * camera systems suffer from motion blur or lag. any delays in that system can directly cause accidents

Implementing this is wanton disregard for the safety of motorists and anyone that leaves their house, not to mention the economic aspect. What do you hope to accomplish by removing tools that drivers use to prevent crashes and replacing them with poorer, more expensive tools? We don't need better aerodynamics, we need better safety.