

Comment from Lance Thibault

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Hello,

I personally wonder why the public is being asked about camera implementation vs mirrors. Were we asked about seatbelt implementation? It seems like a complete waste of time and resources.

Is it not painfully obvious that cameras are the better and safer solution. They don't protrude, which makes them safer for pedestrians. Protruding mirrors are often the only part damaged on vehicles, so cameras would be less expense for the minor accident prone patron. Cameras cause less drag, if any at all, therefor making the vehicle more efficient. Both mirrors and cameras can be de-iced with internal heaters but cameras have far more capability to increase the field of view (FOV), eliminate blind spots and even eliminate glare.

I would question the benefit of mirrors over a camera. The only benefit I can imagine is up front costs, but camera's are a minimal added expense given the price of cars today anyway.

Eliminate the survey nonsense and move out with guidance today stating the camera FOV must be equal to or greater then whatever guidance regulates mirrors on vehicles and make it retroactive to all vehicles today. Heck this would even enable mirror delete kits/options for aftermarket suppliers to create for current vehicles.

Additionally, I would personally love to be contacted about being a participant testing camera systems. I currently drive a full size truck (F150) with no cameras. I look forward to seeing this technology implemented.