

---

## *A Message from Chief Randy Darlin*

If you've lived in Evans for very long, you've probably heard someone say, "People drive way too fast down this road."

The truth is, I've heard it too.

Whether it's in our neighborhoods, near our schools, around our parks, or on some of our busiest streets, speeding is one of the concerns residents bring to me most often. It's also something our officers see every day. While most people drive responsibly, it only takes a few drivers making poor decisions to create a serious risk for everyone else.

The good news is that most drivers want to do the right thing. Sometimes all it takes is a reminder to slow down before someone gets hurt.

That's why we've been looking at every tool available to improve roadway safety, including Colorado's Automated Vehicle Identification System, or AVIS.

I also want to be upfront about where we are in the process.

Earlier this year, the City Council approved a contract that allows the Police Department to move forward with implementing an AVIS program. That decision has already been made. What hasn't been finalized is how the program will be implemented here in Evans.

That's where we are today.

Before any cameras are installed or activated, I'll be presenting the traffic safety data, speed studies, crash history, and other information we've used to identify potential enforcement corridors under Colorado law. I'll also explain why those locations are being considered, how the technology works, and how we're proposing to use one fixed camera location and one mobile enforcement trailer to support our overall traffic safety efforts.

My goal isn't simply to present information. It's to make sure our community understands what we're doing, why we're doing it, and how these decisions are being made.

I also know the data doesn't tell the whole story.

The people who drive on these streets every day often notice things that don't show up in a traffic study. Maybe there's a stretch of road where you've watched drivers speed for years. Maybe there's a crosswalk that makes you nervous when your children use it. Maybe

---

you've had a close call pulling out of your neighborhood because traffic is moving too fast. Or maybe you simply have questions about how this technology works or how it will be used.

I want to hear those things.

The work session itself is designed to provide information to City Council, so there won't be public comment during that portion of the meeting. However, the regular City Council meeting immediately follows, and every resident has the opportunity to speak during public comment for up to three minutes on any topic, including this one.

And if speaking at the podium isn't your thing, that's okay. I'll be there after the meeting, and I'd be happy to visit with you one-on-one. Sometimes those conversations are the most valuable because they give us the chance to listen, answer questions, and better understand each other's perspectives.

Whether you support this program, have concerns about it, or are still making up your mind, I hope you'll come. My commitment is to be open about the process, answer your questions honestly, and listen to what you have to say.

This work session is just the beginning of our community education effort. In the weeks ahead, we'll continue sharing information about how the program works, how enforcement corridors are selected, the safeguards required by Colorado law, and what residents can expect before the system becomes operational. My goal is for everyone to have the information they need to understand the program before it goes into service.

At the end of the day, this really isn't about cameras.

It's about slowing traffic down before someone gets hurt.

It's about making it safer for a parent to walk with their child to school, for someone to ride a bike through their neighborhood, or for a family to make it home safely after a long day.

If we can reduce speeding, prevent crashes, and make our roads safer for everyone, then we've accomplished exactly what we set out to do.

If you have the time, I'd appreciate you coming. Listen to the presentation, think about the information, and let me know what you think. Whether that's during public comment or in a conversation after the meeting, I'd genuinely like to hear your perspective.

---

*City Council Work Session*

**Date:** July 7, 2026

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Evans Community Complex City Council Chambers;

YouTube live-stream [www.youtube.com/@EvansColorado](https://www.youtube.com/@EvansColorado)

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for caring about the future of our community.  
I hope to see you there.

**Stay safe,**

**Randy Darlin**  
**Chief of Police**