

City to seek photo radar to reduce highway noise in ‘short term’

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City council adopted a resolution March 7 asking Transport Quebec to install photo radar on Highway 136/720 on the stretch between Atwater and Hallowell.

This is a 70 km/h speed limit zone where cars go so fast at night that it sounds like drag racing, Councillor Kathleen Kez told the *Independent*. She said she test-drove it herself, was unable to go at the

speed limit and had to go with the flow of traffic – at 110 km/h.

The resolution asks for the photo radar “to reduce roadway noise.” This, according to Kez, is at least in the short term until the city’s request for a sound barrier can be resolved after the current feasibility study (see story, July 13, 2021, p. 5). “Of course, we want the sound barrier,” she added.

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mal application form regarding requests for photo radar. “It’s something I’ve been pushing for since before the [November 2021 municipal] election.” She said that city director general Hadi Hakim had looked into the matter and found there is an established protocol for such a request. “It sounds like an easy fix for the noise.”