

Analysis of Toronto's Red Light Cameras

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Red light Cameras serve a number of uses for the municipality government of Toronto. Firstly, they police the roads, creating a safer city. Secondly, they generate revenue for the city. In this paper I analyze the data red light camera data provided by [opendatatoronto](#) to determine if red light cameras are effective at either of the reasons listed above.

1 Introduction

In Toronto the the fine for entering an intersection during a red light, and being caught by a red light camera is 325CAD (“Red Light Cameras” 2024). This is a very large fine which most would like to avoid however, since 2007 the, red light cameras across the city have issued thousands of tickets (Gelfand 2022). The total number of tickets issued in 2022 was 129900. This would imply the red light cameras generated over 42 million CAD worth of revenue for the city of Toronto. This may seem like a large amount however compared to the city of Toronto has an operating budget of 17 billion CAD(“2024 City Budget” 2024). This means relative to the cities budget, the revenue is negligible.

Red light cameras are not only designed to increase revenue for the city, however make the roads safer for pedestrians, cyclist and vehicle operators. This is very difficult to measure as you would need to analyze the data for accidents at a given intersection

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2 Data

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3 Discussion

3.1 First discussion point

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3.2 Second discussion point

3.3 Third discussion point

3.4 Weaknesses and next steps

Weaknesses and next steps should also be included.

Appendix

A Additional data details

B Model details

B.1 Posterior predictive check

References

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