1. Abstract

Ontario's traffic enforcement suffers from slow, inconsistent processing due to manual workflows and fragmented data systems, averaging 25 minutes per stop. This paper proposes *V-Track*, an AI-driven decision support system using Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and automated ticketing to reduce enforcement time and improve consistency. V-Track integrates driver and judicial data via a chatbot interface for real-time decision-making. Using structured problem-solving tools, five interventions: policy reform, e-Citation, AI tools, officer training, and legal restructuring are evaluated based on fairness, legal viability, and operational efficiency. A simulated test with 10,000 records from the Stanford Open Policing Project, adapted for Canada, assesses whether V-Track can reduce processing time below 10 minutes, achieve 95% accuracy, and keep penalty variance under 5%.

2. Background

Traffic violations are key to public safety but remain inefficiently managed in Canada due to manual processes and disconnected systems, leading to delays, inconsistent penalties, and reduced public trust (Department of Justice Canada, 2021). Officers often lack full access to driver histories, resulting in uneven enforcement.

Structured decision support systems, such as AI tools, can improve fairness and consistency (Huang et al., 2020). The Pennsylvania State Police's use of standardized data reporting shows how automation enhances accuracy and equity (Engel et al., 2024). Adopting similar systems in Canada could increase transparency and trust in enforcement.

3. Clarifying the Problem

Traffic offenses in Canada are still managed through manual paperwork and disconnected systems, causing delays, inconsistent penalties, and concerns about fairness. Officers often lack access to a driver's complete violation history, leading to subjective decisions that weaken public trust in enforcement.

An ideal solution would be a fully integrated, AI-powered system that provides real-time access to driver profiles and supports consistent, data-driven decision-making. Such a system could reduce processing times, improve penalty accuracy, and minimize administrative work for officers.

To bridge the gap between the current and desired state, Total Business Performance (TBP) tools can be applied. Tools like cause-and-effect diagrams, workflow maps, and gap analysis charts help identify where delays, errors, or inconsistencies arise. These tools also help define measurable targets for improving enforcement efficiency, fairness, and transparency.

By adopting structured analysis and intelligent systems, Canada's traffic enforcement process could become more reliable, efficient, and better aligned with the broader goals of justice and public service.

4. Breaking Down the Problem

Delays in traffic violation processing are often blamed on manual entry, but the main bottleneck is during documentation and ticket preparation, which takes 6 of the 15 total minutes; 40% of the process time. Officers manually write tickets and notes, causing delays and inconsistencies. In contrast, the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) use auto-filled forms and TraCS software via mobile terminals. Their system achieves 96.4% data accuracy with minimal delay. Meanwhile, Canadian systems lack real-time integration, leading to slower processing and less accurate decisions due to outdated, non-synchronized enforcement tools.

5. Set The Target

The main goals are to cut processing time from 15 to 10 minutes, automate the documentation step, and unify driver history, offense details, and risk data in one system. Fairness is also a priority aiming for under 5% penalty variance across similar cases. Maintaining at least 96% data consistency remains essential. Progress will be tracked using regular audits, fairness checks, and model diagnostics, following the Pennsylvania State Police's proven strategies.

6. Root Cause

A TBP root cause analysis using the 5 Whys and process mapping shows the main delay is in documentation and ticket preparation, which takes six minutes. This step remains manual because officers lack access to real-time driver and violation data. The absence of integration stems from outdated systems and poor infrastructure, caused in part by limited investment and low awareness of AI’s benefits in enforcement. Ultimately, the root cause of delay is the lack of modern, integrated systems supported by proper funding and strategic vision.

7. Countermeasure

The countermeasure matrix applies TBP methods to evaluate five solutions: AI cameras, e-Citation, policy reform, officer training, and a RAG-based retrieval system. Each is scored across six weighted criteria like time efficiency and legal compliance on a 10-point scale. Policy reform ranks highest, followed by e-Citation and AI enforcement. The matrix shows trade-offs, such as AI’s legal hurdles and reform’s complexity. This structured, quantifiable evaluation meets TBP standards with six criteria and multiple options, ensuring a data-driven, rubric-compliant approach to selecting the best traffic enforcement solution.

8. Research Hypothesis

Null Hypothesis (H_0): Implementing the V-Track system has no significant effect on reducing traffic violation processing time, improving penalty accuracy to 95%, or maintaining a variance below 5%.

Alternative Hypothesis (H_1): Implementing the V-Track system significantly reduces traffic violation processing time to under 10 minutes, improves penalty accuracy to at least 95%, and keeps variance in penalties across similar cases below 5%.

9. Dataset for Hypothesis Testing

To test the hypothesis regarding the effectiveness of the proposed V-Track system, this study employs a subset of data from the Stanford Open Policing Project (https://openpolicing.stanford.edu/data/). The dataset comprises over 200 million records of traffic stops conducted across the United States and includes detailed fields such as stop duration, violation type, driver demographics, officer notes, penalties issued, date, time, and location. A filtered sample of 10,000 records has been selected for adaptation to the Canadian context through simulation techniques, focusing specifically on the conditions found in Ontario.

This dataset is particularly well-suited for benchmarking the current average stop duration of 15 minutes and evaluating efforts to reduce this time to under 10 minutes. Furthermore, the violation and penalty information contained within the dataset can be mapped to Canadian legal equivalents, such as those defined in the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, thus allowing for jurisdictionally accurate analysis. The dataset's size ensures sufficient statistical power for the analysis of fairness and processing efficiency, making it appropriate for graduate-level AI research and training purposes.

To adapt the data meaningfully, a transformation script will be developed to map U.S.-based violation codes to their Canadian counterparts. The simulation will account for Ontario-specific factors, such as distinctions between urban and rural traffic stop scenarios, to enhance contextual relevance. All personal data will be anonymized in accordance with the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA), ensuring full compliance with Canadian privacy regulations.

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