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The City of Toronto is a large and growing city and has ongoing issues with gridlock and long commute times. The driving, cycling and walking public all contribute to these issues when violations, even minor ones, occur. Stopping in a rush-hour route to make a delivery, get a coffee, or some other purpose, affects traffic greatly. In addition, blocking intersections and crossing streets at the wrong time have a similar effect.

All road-users are creatures of habit and often make decisions for their own convenience. This has to change. We are asking for your help.

The Toronto Police Service, in partnership with the City of Toronto, has begun an education campaign focusing on these issues and, as a result, has developed a number of Public Service Announcements (PSAs). These PSAs demonstrate the behaviour that we are hoping to change.

Beginning on January 5, 2015, the Toronto Police Service will begin a zero-tolerance enforcement policy for violations which occur in relation to the identified issues.

Enforcement will focus on the tagging and towing of vehicles found to be stopped or parked in rush-hour routes. Traditionally, a parking ticket would be issued to the owner of the vehicle and not its driver. A change in the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950 allows charges to be laid against the driver directly.

The Toronto Police Service would encourage you to review your operational policies and daily practices related to making deliveries, pick-ups of goods and/or passengers.

Driving in the city is a co-operative effort by all road-users. By making some small changes, you can make a large impact on the reduction of gridlock and long commute times.

For further information, please contact Superintendent Gord Jones, Traffic Services, at 416-808-1900.

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Please visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/Torontopolice> to view the above mentioned PSA's.