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### Eves not keen on photo radar

**But London's police chief favours higher speed limits and using photo radar on highways.**

By **ANTONELLA ARTUSO**, Free Press Queen's Park Bureau Chief

TORONTO -- Premier Ernie Eves says he's no fan of photo radar despite a new poll that shows the majority of Ontarians would support higher highway speeds with the monitoring system in place.

Public Safety and Security Minister Bob Runciman said some municipal police forces have been pushing for a return of photo radar, which was killed by the Tory government shortly after it assumed power in 1995.

"I was in London recently and the (police) chief in London was very animated in his support for photo radar," Runciman said.

"He felt that increasing the speed limits could be accommodated with photo radar."

Runciman said the OPP, who patrol the 400 series of highways, are more interested in increasing the number of officers on the road than higher speed limits.

An SES Research poll found 58 per cent of Ontarians would support a 120 kilometre-an-hour speed limit on the 400 series highways if enforced with photo radar and zero tolerance.

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Support for the higher speed limit drops to 47 per cent without the extra enforcement.

Transportation Minister Norm Sterling said higher speed limits are constantly under review by his ministry.

"I'm not against looking at the possibility of doing it sometime in the future," Sterling said.

As for photo radar: "It's not on my radar screen," Sterling said.

Eves was also unenthusiastic.

"I'm not really a big fan of photo radar, and never have been," Eves said.

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