



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31909

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**Title:** A RESOLUTION requesting the Seattle Department of Transportation develop a traffic signals policy.

<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Filed with City Clerk:</b>	<u>Date</u> 10/11/2019
<b>Sponsors:</b> O'Brien	<b>Mayor's Signature:</b>	10/4/2019
	<b>Vetoed by Mayor:</b>	
	<b>Veto Overridden:</b>	
	<b>Veto Sustained:</b>	

**Attachments:**

Drafter: patrick.wigren@seattle.gov

**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

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Legal Notice Published:  Yes  No

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	09/11/2019	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
1	Council President's Office	09/13/2019	sent for review	Sustainability and Transportation Committee			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Sustainability and Transportation Committee						
1	City Council	09/16/2019	referred	Sustainability and Transportation Committee			
1	Sustainability and Transportation Committee	09/20/2019	adopt as amended				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Committee recommends that City Council adopt as amended the Resolution (Res). In Favor: 1 Chair O'Brien Opposed: 0						
2	City Council	09/30/2019	adopted				Pass

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Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:

In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Pacheco, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**  
**RESOLUTION** 31909

A RESOLUTION requesting the Seattle Department of Transportation develop a traffic signals policy.

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle (“City”) is committed to investing in improving all modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, most of us are pedestrians at some point during our daily routines, whether crossing a parking lot, rolling to a bus stop, or walking a dog around the block; and

WHEREAS, from toddlerhood to old age, walking and rolling provide a critical link to our communities; and

WHEREAS, all people deserve traffic signals that allow them to walk and roll safely and with dignity; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2017, the City adopted Resolution 31739, committing to become a more age-friendly city under criteria established by the World Health Organization and the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities; and

WHEREAS, some signals are timed to prioritize cars instead of people walking, biking, or taking transit; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) does not have an overarching signals policy to guide decisions; NOW, THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

Section 1. The City Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) develop a new signals policy. The signals policy should include standards for, but not be limited to, maximum total cycle length, maximum pedestrian delay, concurrent walk phase

1 with vehicular travel, leading pedestrian intervals, all way walks, signal actuation policy  
2 including a default for non-actuation and labeling of actuated signals, an “extra time to cross”  
3 button pilot, half-signal delay policy, crossing time measurement standards, and bicycle  
4 detection. The City Council requests that SDOT submit a draft of the signals policy in writing to  
5 the City Council by December 1, 2019.

6       Section 2. The City Council requests that SDOT develop a plan for engaging stakeholders  
7 on the draft signals policy described in Section 1 of this resolution. The plan for stakeholder  
8 engagement should include opportunities for collaboration with the Pedestrian Advisory Board,  
9 Transit Advisory Board, Bicycle Advisory Board, disability rights advocates, walking and biking  
10 advocacy organizations, City Council staff, and incorporate general public input. The City  
11 Council requests that SDOT submit the stakeholder engagement plan in writing to the City  
12 Council by December 1, 2019.

13       Section 3. The City Council requests that SDOT consider the feedback of stakeholders  
14 and submit the final signals policy in writing to the City Council by June 1, 2020.

1           Adopted by the City Council the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019,  
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
3 September, 2019.

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5 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

6           Filed by me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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8 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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