

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

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

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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, ~~THE~~
~~MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:~~**

Section 1. The City Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) develop a new signals policy ~~by December 1, 2019~~. The signals policy should include

1 standards for, but not be limited to, maximum total cycle length, maximum pedestrian delay,
2 concurrent walk phase with vehicular travel, leading pedestrian intervals, all way walks, signal
3 actuation policy including a default for non-actuation and labeling of actuated signals, an “extra
4 time to cross” button pilot, half-signal delay policy, crossing time measurement standards, and
5 bicycle detection. The City Council requests that SDOT submit a draft of the signals policy in
6 writing to the City Council by December 1, 2019.

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

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

