

INTRODUCED: November 12, 2019

A RESOLUTION No. 2019-R069

As Amended

To request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to introduce and support the enactment of legislation authorizing the City to [~~(i) establish designated no turns on red zones in City streets and~~ (ii)] allow bicyclists to treat a stop sign as a yield sign and a red light traffic signal as a stop sign, for the purpose of supporting certain goals in alignment with the Vision Zero traffic safety program that promote sustainability and equity in access to safe transportation.

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Patron – Mr. Addison

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 27 2020 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Council supported the development of a Vision Zero traffic safety program in the City of Richmond by Resolution No. 2016-R011, adopted March 7, 2016, and reaffirmed its support through Resolution No. 2017-R093, adopted March 12, 2018, to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries in road traffic to zero by the year 2030, through comprehensive planning including promoting improvements in surface transportation performance and safety for travelers; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City

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of Richmond that the Council request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to introduce and support the enactment of legislation authorizing the City to ~~[(i) establish designated no turns on red zones in City streets and (ii)]~~ allow bicyclists to treat a stop sign as a yield sign and a red light traffic signal as a stop sign, for the purpose of supporting certain goals in alignment with the Vision Zero traffic safety program that promote sustainability and equity in access to safe transportation.

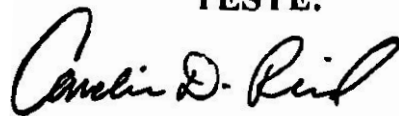
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That, the Council hereby requests that the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia introduce and support the enactment of legislation authorizing the City to ~~[(i) establish designated no turns on red zones in City streets and (ii)]~~ allow bicyclists to treat a stop sign as a yield sign and a red light traffic signal as a stop sign, for the purpose of supporting certain goals in alignment with the Vision Zero traffic safety program that promote sustainability and equity in access to safe transportation.

**A TRUE COPY:**

**TESTE:**



**City Clerk**



# Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** Allen Jackson, Richmond City Attorney  
Richmond Office of the City Attorney

**THROUGH** Meghan K. Brown *MKB*  
Interim Council Chief of Staff

**FROM** William E. Echelberger, Jr, Council Budget Analyst *[Signature]*

**COPY** Andreas D. Addison, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative  
Haskell Brown, Deputy City Attorney  
Daniel Wagner, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council Liaison

**DATE** November 7, 2019

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**TITLE** RVA Streets for All Initiative -- Implementing Resolutions

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This is a request for the drafting of an  Ordinance  Resolution

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

Andreas D. Addison, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Land Use, Housing, and Transportation

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

The patron requests the following 6 resolutions to implement the RVA Streets for All Initiative:

1. Requesting the Mayor to include the following funding items in the proposed FY20-21 Budget:
  - a. An additional full-time position primarily charged with implementing the Vision Zero Action Plan, to assist the Vision Zero traffic safety program coordinator within the Department of Public Works;
  - b. An appropriation of at least \$1,000,000 within the Capital Improvement Program for projects identified, with their scopes determined, for Vision Zero traffic safety program projects, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, and each fiscal year thereafter.
  - c. Adding additional RPD traffic officers for dedicated enforcement along High Injury Street Network;
  - d. Allocating funding to fill vacancies or necessary new positions within DPW and PDR to achieve stated policy goals within the Omnibus package, including, but not limited to inspectors, Vision Zero Engineers, etc.
2. Requesting the Chief Administrative Officer to make the following changes to the City's infrastructure for pedestrian safety:
  - a. While noting that the Department of Public Works is already identifying

- traffic-controlled intersections with high pedestrian volumes as potential candidates for the installation of leading pedestrian interval signals, requesting installation of leading pedestrian interval signals at all stoplight-controlled intersections that also include a bike lane or other shared-use paths, while noting that ,
- b. Require developers to include, to the extent permitted by law, new sidewalks, crosswalks and markings, protected bike lanes, shared-use paths & plans for legal curbside drop off rideshare or deliveries;
  - c. Supporting the permission of street art in 'No Parking Zones' and high visibility street corners;
  - d. Supporting the inclusion of "must yield to pedestrians signs" to "Complete Streets" design;
  - e. Calling for codification of a process into RVA311 or citizens and businesses to request the installation of bike racks/share mobility device parking stations in no parking zones and high visibility street corners;
  - f. Supporting development of a process to identify and designate ride-share zones in major commercial corridors to divert ride-share traffic away from bus lanes, no parking zones, bike lanes, etc., and allowing areas such as loading zones could be permitted for such use;
  - g. Requesting the Chief Administrative Officer to cause a report to be prepared on the City's existing streetlight lumen minimums for City streets, including streets within the City's High Injury Street Network as designated by the Department of Public Works, and to cause the development of a citywide plan for improving streetlight lumen standards to enhance pedestrian safety along the High Injury Street Network, reduce the City's carbon footprint, and reduce light pollution.
3. Expressing Council's Support for sustained learning and data collection to inform future policy and investment by:
- a. Calling for DPW to identify intersections across the city with the highest volumes of pedestrian traffic, and to study the effects of installing all-walk signals at those identified intersections with the goal of improving safety for pedestrians, cyclists and other multi-modal users, and drivers;
  - b. Calling for the integration of a Vision Zero or Violation of Public Right of Way category into RVA311 that allows residents to submit photographs of offending vehicles;
  - c. Calling for the expansion of Safe Routes to School to all schools, and integrating Vision Zero principles into the school transportation policies and efforts at Richmond Public Schools,
    - a. Private school partnerships can be included in Safe Routes to Schools; and
    - b. Appropriate funding levels for staff and restructure shall be allocated.
4. Expressing City Council's support of setting and publishing goals to promote sustainability and equity by calling for the Administration to present the updated Richmond Connect Multimodal Transportation Plan for City Council adoption; adding additional goals if not already included:
- a. Establishing a goal of 50% of all commutes by public transportation, biking, walking, or any mode other than personal vehicle within 12 years of the adoption of the plan;
  - b. Establishing comprehensive plan to ensure equitable access to public transportation in all districts, including a list of transit priority need areas that DPW or the relevant City of Richmond department has identified as

