



CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT STATEMENT

Date: November 15, 2019

Resolution No. 2019-069: 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.

Patron: Addison

Legislative History: Introduced November 12, 2019

Administrative Staff Presenting: Jakob Helmboldt (646-7141)

Impact Statement Summary: **RECOMMEND CONTINUANCE** to Safe and Healthy Streets Commission's January 15, 2020 meeting.

Staff Position: DPW **opposes** Resolution No. 2019-069.

Administrative Impact Statement of Resolution No. 2019-069:

Vision Zero Task Force does not support a blanket no turn on red policy as this action does not address the severe crashes that cause death or serious injuries. The Department of Public Works currently reviews intersections and takes action tailored to the individual conditions at each intersection. A tailored approach allows limited enforcement resources to focus on the most important factors contributing to a crash.

Idaho (1982), Delaware (2017), Colorado (2018), Arkansas (2019), and Oregon (2019) have adopted various versions of these special rules for bicycles. Idaho and Arkansas has a similar law. Delaware and Oregon have limited application. Colorado allows for localities to decide. Limited studies show no adverse effects, and some data indicates reduced bike/vehicle conflicts. Recommend pursuing a policy approach with Richmond Police Department relative to enforcement versus engaging the General Assembly process.

Fiscal Impact: To be determined.
