



Legislation Text

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To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the City's Administration to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to make certain improvements to the City's infrastructure for pedestrian safety.

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, in support of the City's Vision Zero traffic safety program, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond to request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the City's Administration to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to make certain improvements to the City's infrastructure for pedestrian safety;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Chief Administrative Officer is requested to cause the City's Administration to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to make certain improvements to the City's infrastructure for pedestrian safety, which includes the following:

1. A commitment to the continued installation of leading pedestrian interval signals at stoplight-controlled intersections that also include bicycle lanes, public transit lanes or stops, and other shared-use paths.
2. A recommendation that development projects, to the extent permitted by law, include new pedestrian safety improvements including sidewalks, marked crosswalks, protected bicycle lanes, shared-use

paths, and legal curbside zones for rideshare and delivery uses.

3. A commitment to the continued authorization for and implementation of policies supporting street art in no parking zones and high visibility street corners.

4. Installation of pedestrian safety signs directing motorists to yield to pedestrians in accordance with the document entitled “Better Streets, City of Richmond,” also known as the Better Streets Manual, prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., and utilized by the Department of Public Works.

5. A commitment to the continued operation of RVA311 for citizens and businesses to request the installation of bicycle and shared mobility device parking stations in no parking zones and high visibility street corners.

6. A commitment to the continued consideration and processing of citizen requests for dedicated ride-share loading zones along major commercial corridors to divert ride-share traffic away from bicycle lanes, bus lanes, and no parking lanes.

7. The submission of a report to the Council concerning 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 the preparation of a citywide plan for improving streetlight lumen standards to the enhance pedestrian safety along the City’s High Injury Street Network, reduce the City’s “carbon footprint,” and reduce light pollution.