

FILE NO. 992158RESOLUTION NO. 70-00

1 [Citywide Longer Pedestrian Crossing Time]  
 2 RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKING AND TRAFFIC TO EXPAND ITS  
 3 SIGNAL RE-TIMING PROGRAMS IN THE GEARY BOULEVARD, VAN NESS AVENUE,  
 4 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, AND NORTH OF MARKET AREA BY IMPLEMENTING TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
 5 TIMINGS USING A PEDESTRIAN WALKING SPEED OF 2.5 FEET PER SECOND CURB-  
 6 TO-CURB ON A CITYWIDE BASIS AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKING  
 7 AND TRAFFIC TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE  
 8 STATUS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION EVERY SIX MONTHS.

9 WHEREAS, On May 17, 1999, the Board of Supervisors approved  
 10 Resolution #99-0939 urging the Department of Parking and Traffic to  
 11 begin implementing traffic signal timings of 2.5 feet per second  
 12 curb-to-curb to allow pedestrians more time to cross the street; and,

13 WHEREAS, Since that time, the Department of Parking and Traffic  
 14 has implemented a signal re-timing pilot program along Geary  
 15 Boulevard to 2.5 feet per second and is currently beginning programs  
 16 along Van Ness Avenue, 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and in the North of Market area;  
 17 and,

18 WHEREAS, Signal re-timings to allow pedestrians more time to  
 19 cross the street are especially necessary given that a report  
 20 recently released by the Surface Transportation Policy Project, a  
 21 national organization in Washington, D.C., named San Francisco the  
 22 county with the highest incidence of pedestrian fatalities and  
 23 injuries in the state of California; and,

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1           WHEREAS, Young children, elderly, and disabled pedestrians are  
2 especially vulnerable when crossing streets because of reduced  
3 mobility; and,

4           WHEREAS, The national standard for safely timing pedestrian  
5 crossings controlled by a traffic signal is four feet per second; and

6           WHEREAS, While the Department of Parking and Traffic fully  
7 complies with this standard, many seniors and disabled persons  
8 require a slower walking speed of 2.5 feet per second to safely cross  
9 the street; and,

10           WHEREAS, The use of this walking speed of 2.5 feet per second  
11 must be evaluated within the parameters of the City's Congestion  
12 Management Program and the California Environmental Quality Act; and

13           WHEREAS, One way to possibly overcome the congestion impacts of  
14 re-timing traffic signals to a 2.5 feet per second walking speed is  
15 to do a system-wide re-timing of the traffic signals to increase the  
16 "cycle length" of the signal system; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
18 of San Francisco hereby urges the Department of Parking and Traffic  
19 to expand its signal re-timing programs in the Geary Boulevard, Van  
20 Ness Avenue, 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and North of Market area by implementing  
21 traffic signal timings using a pedestrian walking speed of 2.5 feet  
22 per second curb-to-curb on a citywide basis; and be it,

23           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Parking and Traffic is  
24 requested to submit a report to the Board of Supervisors on the  
25 status of this implementation every six months.

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### Resolution

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**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the Department of Parking and Traffic to expand its signal re-timing programs in the Geary Boulevard, Van Ness Avenue, 19th Avenue and North of Market area by implementing traffic signal timings using a pedestrian walking speed of 2.5 feet per second curb to curb on a citywide basis and requesting the Department of Parking and Traffic to submit a report to the Board of Supervisors on the status of this implementation every six months.


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January 18, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 18, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


  
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Jean Lum  
Acting Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: January 28, 2000

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
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Clerk of the Board

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