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In an effort to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Department of Transportation has deactivated crosswalk push buttons in areas with high pedestrian traffic. Affected intersections will include automatic walk cycles that operate without the need for manual activation, thereby reducing the risk of contamination. Prominent signage has been placed above the devices clearly notify pedestrians that they do not need to touch the button.

The new effort was initially implemented in Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, Westlake, and MacArthur Park. The Department is also making the conversion to automatic, non button pedestrian signals at intersections in Chinatown and Koreatown. Additional pedestrian signals will be converted in the following areas: East Hollywood/Little Armenia, Highland Park, Miracle Mile, Pico-Union/University Park, South Los Angeles, Studio City, and Van Nuys.

I THEREFORE MOVE the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation to report on the status of the effort to convert push-button crosswalk signals to automatic, non-button pedestrian signals in post COVID-19 crisis. Such report should include where the new devices have been implemented, efforts to expand them citywide, and cleaning protocols for the remaining push-button pedestrian signals in the City.

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