

## MOTION

## TRANSPORTATION

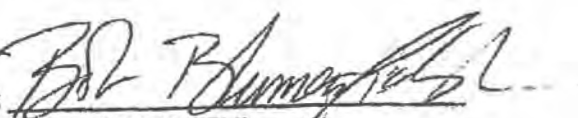
In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Department of Transportation deactivated crosswalk push buttons in areas of the City with high pedestrian activity and adjusted traffic signals to allow people to cross at set intervals. Prominent signage has been placed above the devices clearly notifying pedestrians that they do not need to touch the button.

The Department, however, has not made similar adjustments for crossings along bike paths or bike lanes, including, but not limited to the Orange Line Bike Path and Expo Line Bike Path. During this pandemic crisis, the number of people biking and walking has substantially increased. The requirement to manually activate push buttons runs counter to required social distance practices. Moreover, the push buttons on bike paths are typically located well outside the bicycle path of travel, requiring bicyclists to dismount, push a button, remount, and then back up to reposition themselves to use curb cuts. This is inconvenient and significantly increases travel time for people using bicycles.

I THEREFORE MOVE the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation to immediately convert push-button crosswalk signals along all City bike paths, including but not limited to the Orange Line Bike Path and the Expo Line Bike Path, to permanent, automatic, non-button pedestrian signals.

I FURTHER MOVE the City Council instruct the Department of Transportation to report every 30 days on the status of this effort, including the location of new automatic pedestrian signals along bike paths, as well as a comparison of previous and new wait times for pedestrians and bicyclists, until all signals have been converted.

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