

RESOLUTION NO. 120913, AS AMENDED

Directing the City Manager to suspend the removal process of traffic signals, take certain actions with regards to traffic signals recently removed, and present to the City Council within 60 days a change management process for its approval for implementing changes to traffic signals.

WHEREAS, the City has started a concentrated effort to eliminate approximately 144 traffic signals and replace them with other traffic control devices; and

WHEREAS, the City recently deactivated 37 old electro-mechanical traffic signals; and

WHEREAS, the City did not engage the affected neighborhoods in this process; and

WHEREAS, this failure to engage neighborhoods resulted in confusion and concern about potential increased safety risks for motorists and pedestrians, especially school children; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the application of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices be discussed with the affected residents before a traffic signal is removed; and

WHEREAS, it is equally important that the City learn and include in the report to the City Council the safety concerns of residents regarding traffic patterns at the affected locations; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is directed to evaluate the intersections at which 37 traffic control signals were recently deactivated for purposes of determining whether any of those intersections pose specific pedestrian safety or other concerns, and if so, to identify which additional traffic control measures should be put in place. The City Manager shall identify funding for such purposes.

Section 2. That the City Manager is directed to suspend the removal process of traffic signals until a comprehensive plan for engaging the community in such process is developed and approved by the City Council.

Section 3. That the City Manager shall present the comprehensive plan to the City Council for its approval within 60 days following the adoption of this resolution.

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