

**STRICKEN END OF YEAR 2019**

Intro. Res. No. 1750-2019  
Introduced by Legislators Cilmi and Kennedy

Laid on Table 9/4/2019

**RESOLUTION NO.           -2019, AUTHORIZING A STUDY TO  
IMPROVE SAFETY AT COUNTY INTERSECTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the safety of drivers and pedestrians in the County of Suffolk is of the utmost importance; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Suffolk implemented the Red Light Camera Program in order to enhance public safety and particularly the incidents of dangerous right-angle crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic signal timing guidelines are prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration Traffic Signal Timing Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, these guidelines are not intended to constrain or limit the County's ability to make reasonable adjustments to signal timing; and

**WHEREAS**, it stands to reason that extending the red light clearance time will ensure that all residual traffic is clear before new traffic enters an intersection; and

**WHEREAS**, accident data is available to the County, and such data can be used to identify the intersections with the greatest number of right angle crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, it is prudent to explore all possible means of improving public safety throughout Suffolk County; now, therefore be it

**1st           RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Public Works ("the Commissioner") is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this resolution, identify at least twenty-five (25) intersections in Suffolk County with the highest average number of right angle crashes over the last known two (2) year period, including at least one (1) intersection from each legislative district. Said list, to be called the "Road Safety Priority List", shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature and distributed to the County Executive and each member of the Legislature within 15 days of finalization by the Commissioner and shall: 1) identify the intersection, 2) include the number of accidents, and 3) state the legislative district where the intersection is located; and be it further

**2nd           RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner is further authorized, empowered, and directed to undertake a comprehensive engineering study at each identified intersection on the Road Safety Priority List to determine factors which may be contributing to the incidence of right angle crashes; and be it further

**3rd           RESOLVED**, that the written results of the engineering studies for these intersections shall be completed and delivered to the Legislature within six (6) months from the filing of the Road Safety Priority List with the Legislature; and be it further

**4th           RESOLVED**, that immediately following submission of the Road Safety Priority List as required by the 1<sup>st</sup> RESOLVED clause of this resolution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to increase red light clearance times at each of the

intersections identified in the Road Safety Priority List to the maximum allowable duration as prescribed by the Federal Highway Administration Traffic Signal Timing Manual for a period of at least eighteen (18) months; and be it further

**5th RESOLVED**, that the Commissioner shall review the accident data for the intersections on the Road Safety Priority List after 1 year has elapsed from the date on which red light clearance times were increased and provide an updated analysis of the road safety priority list with accident data for the one (1) year period subsequent to the date the red light clearance time was increased, while continuing to have the clearance times extended; and be it further

**6th RESOLVED**, that, following the review of accident data, the Commissioner shall file a written report with the Clerk of the Legislature, County Executive and each member of the Legislature, synthesizing the data compiled prior to the extension of the red light clearance times and at the conclusion of the 1 year period established in the 5<sup>th</sup> RESOLVED clause and provide findings and determinations regarding the efficacy of increasing the red light clearance times in reducing accidents at the locations. Such report shall be filed at the completion of the eighteen (18) month test period established pursuant the 4<sup>th</sup> RESOLVED clause; and be it further

**7th RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED:

APPROVED BY:

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County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: