

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE REPLACEMENT OF
CONCURRENT PEDESTRIAN PHASING TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN
THE CITY OF BOSTON**

- WHEREAS:** Pedestrian safety is one of the biggest issues we face in the City of Boston and a critical component of public safety and overall quality of life; *and*
- WHEREAS:** In 2019, two pedestrians were struck by a van at the intersection of Melcher and Summer Streets in Fort Point at the site of a concurrent phasing traffic signal, and one of them passed away due to her injuries; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents throughout the city have called attention to the dangerous situation where pedestrian has a signal to cross the street at the very same time that vehicles have a signal to turn at an intersection, with the expectation that the motor vehicle will yield to the pedestrian in the crosswalks; *and*
- WHEREAS:** It is critical that we review the practice of concurrent pedestrian phasing traffic signals at intersections throughout the city and make the necessary changes to focus on improving pedestrian safety in Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Crashes that occur in Boston continue to remind us of the work that must be done to improve pedestrian safety, along with traffic-calming infrastructure. As our city becomes more developed and densely populated, the increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic means that many areas of our streetscape need improvement and change to ensure safety for all in our neighborhoods; *and*
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**
- That the Boston City Council supports the replacement of concurrent phasing traffic signals citywide to improve pedestrian safety.

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