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Subject: Concern Regarding Recent Change to Pedestrian Signal Timing - Cutter Ave and Highland Ave intersection

Hello,

Hope all is well

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I'm writing to express my concern regarding a recent change to the pedestrian signal pattern at the intersection of Cutter Ave and Highland Ave in Somerville, MA near Davis Square.

Previously, the pedestrian walk signals at this intersection were activated by pressing the crossing button, which allowed for a more efficient flow of both vehicle and pedestrian traffic. This system worked well—it ensured pedestrians could cross safely when needed, while minimizing unnecessary delays for drivers, especially during off-peak hours.

However, the recent change to a fixed timed pedestrian signal has introduced inefficiencies for both drivers and pedestrians. Now, cars are frequently stopped at red lights even when there are no pedestrians present, causing unnecessary traffic buildup—particularly noticeable late at night or during light traffic periods. At the same time, pedestrians are now required to wait longer for the signal, reducing the convenience and responsiveness of the crossing experience.

I respectfully ask that the city reconsider this change or at least explore a hybrid solution, such as maintaining the push-button system during off-peak hours.

Best,
Enrique