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To: Municipal Services Committee
From: Eric S. Lom, City Traffic Engineer
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Re: Proposed Traffic Signal Removals at Franklin/Superior & Franklin/Oneida Intersections
(Follow-up to a 90-day trial)

Late last year, the Traffic Section initiated a 90-day trial to evaluate the effect of removing the traffic signals at the Franklin/Superior & Franklin/Oneida intersections. These signals were found to be “unwarranted” as a part of the Council-approved *Downtown Mobility Study*.

Since these signals were placed into red/yellow flash mode (in order to simulate a two-way stop condition), we have received little in the way of feedback. The comments we *have* received have been almost exclusively positive, noting the improved convenience of not having to unnecessarily wait for traffic signals as drivers navigate the downtown area.

Our review has shown there have been no reported crashes at these intersections during the study period.

As such, we recommend removal of the traffic signals and installation of two-way stop control as described below.

The following ordinance action is required:

1. **Create:** “Remove the traffic signal at the intersection of Franklin Street and Superior Street.”
2. **Create:** “Remove the traffic signal at the intersection of Franklin Street and Oneida Street.”
3. **Create:** “Install stop signs on Superior Street at Franklin Street”
4. **Create:** “Install stop signs on Oneida Street at Franklin Street”