



Crosswalk Flags

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How did we get here?

- August 2014 – Council direction to allow flag programs
“Community groups would be allowed to implement crosswalk flag programs with input from HRM staff to help ensure programs are carried out appropriately and safely.”
- Led to inconsistent approach and unclear program scope
- June 2016 – staff report addressing Council request for clarification on flag program. Recommended Admin Order.
- May 2017 – draft Admin Order / by-law amendment to clarify Council direction
- May 2017 – Council direction to suspend the flag program pending piloting of other treatments and data collection

What are Council's options today?

- Approve staff report recommendations
 - No new flag installations / continue with data collection
- Adopt the recommendations from May 2017 report
 - Provides consistent guidance to staff and allows for new flag installations at basic marked crosswalks
- Adopt one of the alternatives from the May 2017 report
 - Revert to previous practice. New flag installations allowed, subject to staff's interpretation of Council's previous direction
 - Do not allow any further installations. Existing flags remain, but no further program expansion allowed
 - Do not allow any further installations and order the removal of existing flags. The flag program ceases to exist and all flags are removed

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Safety Initiatives Currently Underway

Council's current pedestrian safety initiatives include:

- Strategic Road Safety Plan
- Rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB)
- Fluorescent yellow-green crosswalk sign pilot
- Integrated Mobility Plan – complete streets design
- Requested amendments to MVA – lower residential speed limits

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