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## **City-County Council Highlights No Turn on Red Proposals for the Downtown Area**

**Indianapolis** – Today, April 3, Council President Vop Osili, Vice President Zach Adamson, and Councillor Kristin Jones were joined by Mayor Joe Hogsett, the Indianapolis Department of Public Works, Health by Design, and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department to discuss pedestrian safety and highlight several proposals that will restrict turns on red lights at signalized intersections in the downtown area. The intersections include all streets bounded by and including 11th Street/Oscar Robertson Boulevard/10th Street, White River Parkway West Drive, Interstate I-70, and Interstate I-65, except state highways.

“As downtown continues to grow, it's critically important to ensure connectivity, accessibility, and safety for all, said Council President Vop Osili. "No turn on red' restrictions are the most straightforward way to avoid entirely preventable accidents. My colleagues on the Council and I are committed to continuing to work with Mayor Hogsett and the Department of Public Works to seek and support additional strategies to make our city's streets safer for all who use them.”

The No Turn on Red proposals follow a study that looked at a five-year history of pedestrian-related crashes in the downtown area and found 56.7% were the result of turning vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians at signalized intersections. When these types of crashes are compared to Countywide values, the number drops to 24.8%, indicating that pedestrians downtown are 2 times more likely to be involved in a crash due to a turning vehicle than their non-core counterparts.

“As the Crossroads of America, Indianapolis recognizes the importance of mobility, but we must be equal champions for safety,” Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett said. “I’m proud to support the Council’s leadership on this effort to strike a better balance between the two, while joining ongoing efforts that make our streets safer.”

Tonight’s Council meeting will hear the introduction of the proposals which will then be heard at the Public Works Committee meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023. If the proposals pass the committee, a final vote will take place on Monday, May 8, 2023.

“This is an established, best practice in traffic safety and an important policy for protecting people as they walk throughout downtown,” said Kim Irwin, Executive Director at Health By Design. “People walking are most at risk when crossing downtown streets, often from vehicles turning into them. By requiring drivers to make a complete and fully controlled stop, limiting their encroachment into the crosswalk area, and maximizing pedestrian visibility, we’re creating

a safer and more comfortable walking experience for our downtown residents, workforce, and visitors.”

The proposals are part of the City’s ongoing commitment to enhancing safety for all users of Indianapolis roads. The Indianapolis-Marion County budget for 2023 includes funding for more than 20 miles of new trails, more than 12 miles of new sidewalks, and 8.5 miles of new bike lanes.

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**PROPOSALS:**

PROPOSAL NO. 107, 2023 (General Ordinance)

INTRODUCED: 4/3/2023 BY: Councillor Osili

REFERRED TO: Public Works Committee

DIGEST: authorizes no turn on red restrictions at the intersection of 22nd and Delaware Streets (District 11)

PROPOSAL NO. 108, 2023 (General Ordinance)

INTRODUCED: 4/3/2023 BY: Councillor Adamson

REFERRED TO: Public Works Committee

DIGEST: authorizes turn restrictions at the intersections of College and Massachusetts Avenues and College Avenue and St. Clair Street (District 17)

PROPOSAL NO. 110, 2023 (General Ordinance)

INTRODUCED: 4/3/2023 BY: Councillor Jones

REFERRED TO: Public Works Committee

DIGEST: authorizes no turn on red restrictions at the intersection of Palmer and Meridian Streets (District 16)

PROPOSAL NO. 111, 2023 (General Ordinance)

INTRODUCED: 4/3/2023 BY: Councillors Osili, Jones and Adamson

REFERRED TO: Public Works Committee

DIGEST: authorizes no turn on red restrictions in the area bounded by 11th Street, Oscar Robertson Boulevard, 10th Street, White River Parkway West Drive, Interstate I-70 and Interstate I-65, except state highways (Districts 11, 16 and 17)

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