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A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ACS, INC. TO STOP THE SAFELIGHT CHAPEL HILL PROGRAM (2004-01-28/R-8)

WHEREAS, the Council received a petition from a Council member requesting to stop the SafeLight Chapel Hill Program by terminating the contract with ACS, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the Council referred the petition to the Manager for preparing a response to the petition; and

WHEREAS, the Council received a report from the Manager in response to the Petition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council directs the Manager to terminate the agreement with ACS, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs the Manager to stop the SafeLight Chapel Hill Program.

This the 28th day of January, 2004.

COUNCIL MEMBER KLEINSCHMIDT MOVED TO DIRECT THE STAFF TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMATIC INTERSECTIONS, BASED ON THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS, AND BRING A REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING WHAT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE AT THOSE INTERSECTIONS. COUNCIL MEMBER STROM SECONDED.

Council Member Greene wondered if the report should include intersections that have the most pedestrians and bicyclists at them. Mr. Horton agreed to bring back pedestrian data as well, including pedestrian accident data.

Council Member Kleinschmidt noted that there was a perception of danger at some intersections even though there might not be a high number of accidents since people are afraid to cross.

Mayor Foy suggested proceeding with the specific motion and then, when that comes back, having a more detailed discussion about some of these other issues.

Council Member Harrison commented that most reported bicycle accidents were in urban areas but the ones that happen on suburban roads worry him more.

COUNCIL MEMBER KLEINSCHMIDT AMENDED HIS MOTION TO INCLUDE COUNCIL MEMBER GREENE'S REQUEST TO INCLUDE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ACCIDENT DATA. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0).