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and adopting new technology for city streets and crosswalks

Committee(s) Assignment: Joint Committee on Pedestrian & Traffic Safety and
Transportation & Public Way

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mayor Emanuel and the City of Chicago's Department of Transportation have launched a reinvigorated pedestrian safety program taking aim at reducing vehicle-pedestrian crashes, incidents which occur nearly 3,000 times each year; and

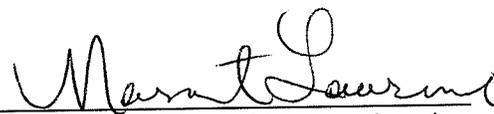
WHEREAS, Over the last several years, pavement markings have not been a priority of the Department of Transportation, as evident by tens of thousands of faded and worn crosswalks throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Department of Transportation has committed to spending over \$2 million in 2012 on refreshing pavement markings throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, A 2010 study conducted by the Federal Highway Administration found that drivers detect an upcoming crosswalk significantly sooner if the crosswalk markings are made up of a sequence of thick bars called continental markings, in place of the traditional parallel lines referred to as transverse markings; and

WHEREAS, Other new technologies, such as in-pavement lighting systems, now exist that make crosswalks safer to use; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, The Department of Transportation is invited to appear before the Joint Committee of the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety and the Committee on Transportation and Public Way to discuss the department's plan for restoring pavement markings and adopting new technologies for the City's streets and crosswalks.



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