



# Making Bicyclists Safer at Intersections

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Local Motion's mission is to make it  
safe, accessible, and fun for everyone  
to bike, walk, and roll in Vermont.

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## S.75 Section 30 - Makes bicycling safer at intersections

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### Allows bike use of pedestrian signals

- Legal in Burlington, California, and NYC



### Allows stop as yield

- Legal in eleven states
- Endorsed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ([NHTSA](#))







ONE WAY

STOP

DO NOT  
ENTER

STOP

# VTrans Report

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- Explains how AOT, DMV, and DPS would coordinate with partners to convey traffic regulation changes to relevant stakeholders and the public.

[Report on the Operation of Bicycles at Controlled Intersections](#)

*REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE PURSUANT TO ACT 165 SECTION 46*

## **Report on the Operation of Bicycles at Controlled Intersections**

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December 13, 2024

*Submitted to:*

House Committee on Transportation  
Senate Committee on Transportation

Vermont Agency of Transportation  
Highway Division  
Operations & Safety Bureau  
Safe Systems Section – Active Transportation



# NHTSA Study

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- December 2024 NHTSA study found that stop-as-yield laws were associated with reduced crash rates, particularly at suburban stop-controlled intersections.
- No significant change in reckless behaviors following the enactment of stop-as-yield laws.

# What these studies tell us

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- With adequate lead time, AOT, DMV, DPS are equipped to convey changes to relevant stakeholders and the public; they frequently do so with other regulatory changes.
- The safety benefits of stop-as-yield have been demonstrated and the policy is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



“Based upon the current research and data available, these laws showed added safety benefits for bicyclists in States where they were evaluated, and may positively affect the environment, traffic, and transportation.”

- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

# Please advance these policies

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Bike use of pedestrian signals



Stop as yield (Idaho Stop)

- No significant cost associated with these changes
- Make bicycling safer and easier at intersections
- Enhance Vermont's brand as a bicycle-friendly state

# Thank you

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