

Comment from Anonymous

I think the government needs to invest in research for what I will call 'smart lights'. It is amazing the number of times I will be stopped at a light when there is no traffic coming in the direction that has a green light. Another example of you might be going through town when traffic is rather light so you actually get to drive the speed limit and yet get stopped at every light??? Why aren't they timed better? If light traffic is that messed up just think how that translates when traffic is heavier!! This type technology would not only help the flow of traffic, it would help drivers tempers and it would help prevent lights getting messed up because people just run the lights after sitting there for no reason, then the cycle they tripped has no one going on that cycle. It would help encourage people to be law abiding and not run red lights as often as they would know that the traffic flow was better so there was not as much reason to 'cheat'. It would also be an environmental boon to not have cars just sitting still for no reason. It would certainly make the department of transportation look much better.

I don't have the expertise to create such a system, but this should be far easier than self driving cars and would spread the benefit around to the entire society much quicker. Why is this not being done? If anything lights seem to be getting worse, not better.

This project would greatly benefit the Fredericksburg VA area that another commenter was complaining about.