Pedestrian buttons often do nothing

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It's true – authorities in Geneva are admitting at some times of the day – pushing the pedestrian button to get the lights to change will do nothing. Paris authorities have recently admitted to the press that it's often not worth pushing the button hoping the traffic will stop – they won't do anything. The lights are set on an automatic cycle,

It also seems to be true in Geneva – at least at certain times and on certain junctions.

Jean-Luc Bourget from the cantonal signage department says at certain times of the day – pushing the button is irrelevant.

But some warn about pushing the patience of pedestrians. Derek Christie, an urban sociologist from EPFL in Lausanne says if pedestrians are asked to wait too long for a signal – they will try to cross on red.
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