



HAWK Signals Are For Pedestrian Safety

There is a new type of traffic signal on Farmington Road near TVF&R's fire station. It is a "HAWK" or **H**igh-intensity **A**ctivated cross**W**alk signal. This button-activated signal has been safely and successfully used in other US cities. The HAWK signal is used at midblock crosswalks on high traffic volume streets. HAWK signals have been found to substantially increase motorist awareness and produce a high motorist stopping rate.

Here's how it works:

What Drivers See

What Pedestrians See



1



The HAWK remains **DARK** for traffic until a pedestrian activates the push-button. While the HAWK is DARK, traffic can continue past the beacon without stopping.



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When a pedestrian presses the button, approaching drivers see a **FLASHING YELLOW** light for a few seconds, indicating that the beacon has been activated.

Flashing



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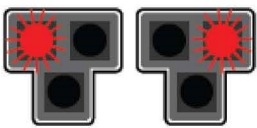
The flashing yellow is followed by a **SOLID YELLOW** light, indicating that motorists should reduce speed and be prepared to stop.



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The solid yellow is followed by double **SOLID RED** lights, requiring drivers to stop.



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The double solid red lights are followed by alternating **FLASHING RED** lights. During this indication, drivers are required to come to a full STOP, but may proceed when pedestrians have cleared the crosswalk and it is safe to proceed.

Flashing

Flashing

The HAWK signal looks different to motorists, but for the pedestrian it looks and works the same as any button-activated signal—just press the button and wait for the WALK signal. Be sure vehicles have stopped before you enter the crosswalk. If you have any questions about the HAWK signal or any other traffic control device, please contact Jabra Khasho, City Transportation Engineer, at (503) 526-2221.