ALL ABOUT

FLASHING YELLOW LEFT-TURN ARROWS

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WHAT IS IT?

It’s a new type of signal display placed over the left turn lane at signalized intersections. The flashing yellow arrow means that drivers are allowed to turn after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. Oncoming traffic has a green light so drivers must determine if there is an adequate gap before turning.

The new flashing yellow arrow indication provides a more direct message than the circular green for turn lanes. It reduces confusion since the turn lane display is no longer the same indication as what is displayed for the adjacent through lanes.

WHERE WILL FLASHING YELLOW ARROWS BE USED?

Flashing yellow arrows will be used in signal displays above left turn lanes with permissive left turn movements. This includes permissive only and protected/permissive left turn movements.

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS!

Drivers will see one of the following lights as they approach a flashing yellow left-turn arrow display:

- **Steady Red Arrow**
  - Drivers turning left must stop and wait (except where permitted by law)

- **Flashing Yellow Arrow**
  - Drivers are allowed to turn after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. (Oncoming traffic has a green light). Drivers must determine if there is an adequate gap before turning!

- **Steady Yellow Arrow**
  - Drivers are warned the left turn signal is about to turn red. Do not enter the intersection if you can stop safely. Vehicles in the intersection should complete their turn.

- **Steady Green Arrow**
  - Drivers making a left turn have the right of way. This sequence may be skipped if no left turning vehicles are detected by the signal system.