



HAWK Pedestrian Crossing Beacon

High-intensity Activated crossWalk

Information about the new signalized pedestrian crossing near your neighborhood

The Ada County Highway District (ACHD) is constructing new HAWK pedestrian crossing beacons in Ada County this summer and one is planned near your neighborhood. The new HAWK beacons increase safety for pedestrians crossing a roadway by requiring motorists to stop as they would at a traditional traffic signal. In many cases, the new pedestrian crossings were requests from the school district within your city. Please continue reading to learn more about the HAWK beacon and see the reverse of this page to learn how to use the new crossing.

➔ Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is a HAWK Pedestrian Beacon?

A: 'HAWK' stands for **H**igh-intensity **A**ctivated cross**W**alk. It's a newer type of pedestrian crossing beacon that has proven in several states to increase safety for pedestrians by grabbing the attention of motorists.

ACHD received special permission from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to install its HAWK beacons. The first HAWK was built in 2008, west of the Ustick Road and Cole Road intersection.

Q: How is it different than any other traffic signal?

A: While it looks fairly similar to a traditional signalized pedestrian crossing, the HAWK functions a bit differently. When not in use, it will remain dark. The beacon goes through a sequence of five movements after a pedestrian pushes the button.

Once activated by a pedestrian, the HAWK beacon begins flashing yellow to indicate to drivers someone will be using the crosswalk. It then goes to solid yellow like a typical traffic signal, advising drivers to stop if safe to do so. The beacon then turns solid red, requiring drivers to stop at the stop line.

Finally, the beacon goes to flashing red, letting drivers know that **after coming to a complete stop, they can proceed with caution if the way is clear** - the same movement they would make at any other flashing-red signal or beacon. The beacon then returns to a dark state.



Motorists are required to stop on solid red. Once the crosswalk is clear, they may proceed with caution-- if the beacon is flashing red or has gone dark.

Learn how to use the HAWK beacon





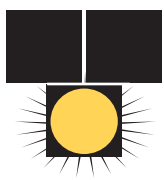




Questions:








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To watch a video of the HAWK beacon and learn more, visit
www.achdidaho.org/community/HAWKsignal.aspx.

How-To: HAWK Pedestrian Crossing Beacon

 DRIVERS	
See This	Do This
 Dark	→ Proceed with caution.
 Flashing Yellow Light	→ Slow down; prepare to stop. Pedestrian has activated the push button.
 Steady Yellow Light	→ Stop if safe to do so.
 Steady Red Light	→ Stop; remain stopped. Pedestrian in crosswalk.
 Alternating (like RR crossing)	→ Stop. Then proceed with caution if clear.
 Dark	→ Proceed with caution.

 PEDESTRIANS	
See This	Do This
	→ Push the button to cross.
	→ Wait.
	→ Continue waiting.
	→ Start Crossing.
 Flashing Hand	→ Continue Crossing. If walking, continue. Those who have yet to step off the curb, do not start.
	→ Push the button to cross.

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