

Why now?

The 2011 edition of the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices includes the application of this type of device. Prior to this, the signal was considered experimental and approval from the Federal Highway Administration to use it was needed.

Where will it be used?

This type of pedestrian signal will be installed at various locations within the Metro area. Each traffic and pedestrian safety concern comes with its own set of unique conditions. As with all types of traffic control, each location is reviewed to determine which solution is the best measure for the particular circumstance and environment. The use of this device will be reviewed based on vehicle and pedestrian levels, roadway characteristics, and other operation factors.



County Road 11 & 140th Street in Burnsville is the location of the first installation of this type of signal on a County road within Dakota County.



Questions?

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Pedestrian Signals

What
Should You
Know?

{ A Guide for Drivers
and Pedestrians }



How Does It Work?

What is it?

This pedestrian signal, also known as HAWK (High intensity Activated crossWalk), is a pedestrian activated signal that is different from other signals. The signal provides safety for pedestrians while reducing delays for motorists at locations where a traditional traffic signal is not necessary for vehicular traffic.

What are the advantages?

This signal can be beneficial in areas where there are special crossing conditions or a large number of pedestrians are having difficulty crossing a roadway due to limited gaps in traffic. With this device, vehicles can be stopped with a red signal allowing pedestrians to cross with a WALK indication. Other devices warn motorists of a pedestrian's presence, but do not stop traffic. The signal can also feature Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) equipment that provides non-visual formats to pedestrians to indicate where and when to cross.

Drivers

...will see this	...will do this
	Proceed with Caution
	Slow Down (Pedestrian has activated the push button)
	Prepare to Stop
	STOP! (Pedestrian in Crosswalk)
	STOP! Proceed with Caution if Clear
	Proceed if Clear

Pedestrians

...will see this	...will do this
	Push the Button to Cross
	Wait
	Continue to Wait
	Start Crossing
	Continue Crossing (Countdown Signal) If walking, continue. Those who have yet to enter the crosswalk, do not start.
	Push the Button to Cross