



## HAWK Signals

The **HAWK** signal (also known as a *Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon*) has been approved for use by the Federal Highway Administration.

When warranted, **HAWK** signals can be installed to improve street crossing safety for pedestrians.

## Pedestrian Safety

The City of Greeley places a high priority on pedestrian safety and is focusing efforts on un-signalized crosswalks on high volume roadways. These crossings often do not meet engineering standards for installing a conventional traffic signal; therefore, the City uses other treatments.

State and City law requires motorists to legally stop and give the right of way to pedestrians within crosswalks. However, research has shown that on busy, high traffic roadways, only about 1 in 4 drivers are willing to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. If appropriate warrants are met, a **HAWK** signal can be installed on such roadways.



## Accessibility for the Disabled

**HAWK** signals in the City usually feature Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) equipment that provide disabled pedestrians with information about the signal. An audible message and vibrating arrow button announce when the **WALK** signal is on.

## Side Street Traffic

If a side street is present at a **HAWK** signal, it will continue to be controlled by a stop sign.



## Questions?

If you have any questions about the **HAWK** signal or any traffic control device in the City, please contact the following:

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# HAWK Pedestrian Signal Guide



# How does a HAWK Signal Work?

## What is a HAWK Signal?



A **HAWK** (High-Intensity Activated crossWalk) signal is a signal-beacon designed to help pedestrians safely cross busy streets.

While different in appearance for motorists, for the pedestrian, this signal works like other push-button activated traffic signals by stopping traffic with a red signal, allowing pedestrians to cross with a **WALK** signal. At certain locations, the signal can automatically detect the presence of pedestrians waiting to cross and will activate the signal.

**HAWK** signals can be installed on streets with regular traffic signals as part of the City's coordinated signal system.

## Pedestrians

Will see this...



Will do this...

Push button to call for **WALK** signal  
(some locations automatically detect pedestrians)



Wait  
(It may take up to one minute for the signal to change)



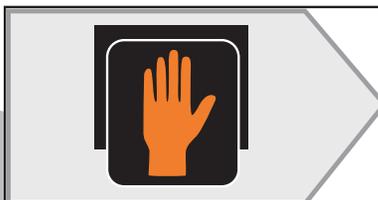
Wait



Start crossing after you see the **WALK** signal  
(Be sure traffic has stopped)



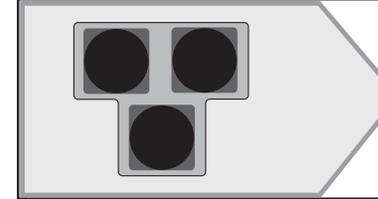
Continue Crossing  
(Countdown signal)



Push the button to cross

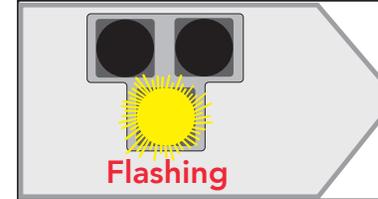
## Motorists

Will see this...

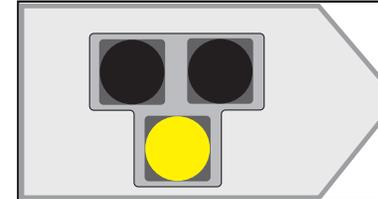


Will do this...

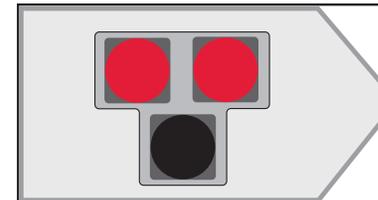
Proceed



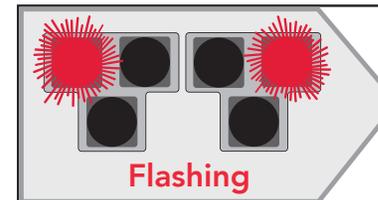
Proceed with Caution  
(Signal has been activated)



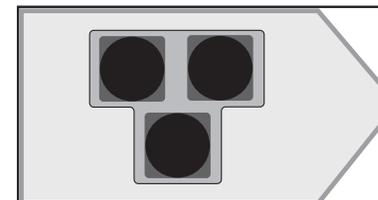
Slow down and prepare to STOP



STOP!



STOP!  
Then proceed with caution if clear



Proceed