

HAWK Signals

The **HAWK** signal (also known as a High Intensity Activated Crosswalk) are approved for use by the Federal Highway Administration.

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

Pedestrian Safety

The City of Hutchinson places a high priority on pedestrian safety and is focusing efforts on un-signalized crosswalks on high volume roadways such as the intersection of State Trunk Highway 7/22 and Montana Street NW. This location does not meet engineering standards for installing a conventional traffic signal; therefore, the City and MnDot have decided to install a **HAWK** system.

State law requires motorists to legally stop and give the right of way to pedestrians within crosswalks. However, research has shown that on high traffic roadways, only about 1 in 4 drivers are willing to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk. Thus, a **HAWK** signal can be an appropriate measure to improve pedestrian safety.



Accessibility for the Disabled

HAWK signals in the City feature Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) equipment that allows disabled users to use this crossing safely. 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?

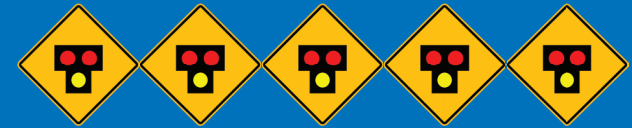
If you have any questions about the **HAWK** signal please contact the following:

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HAWK Pedestrian Signal Guide



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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, this signal works like other push-button activated traffic signals by stopping traffic with a red signal and allowing pedestrians to cross with a **WALK** signal. Usually, **HAWK** systems are installed at an existing marked crosswalk or intersection where traffic signal warrants are not satisfied.

Please note that the traffic signal lights/beacons will be dark between pedestrian activations and at the end of the walk time period. This implies that vehicles traveling on State Trunk Highway 7/22 can pass through the **HAWK** system, however drivers are still responsible for stopping for pedestrians even if the **HAWK** system is not activated.

Pedestrians

Will see this...



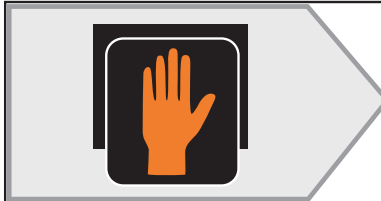
Will do this...

Push button to call for **WALK** signal



Wait

(It may take a few seconds for the signal to change)



Wait



Start crossing after you see the **WALK** signal

(Be sure traffic has stopped)



Continue Crossing

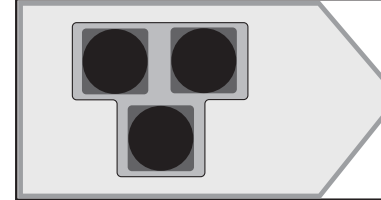
(Countdown signal)



Crossing should be completed

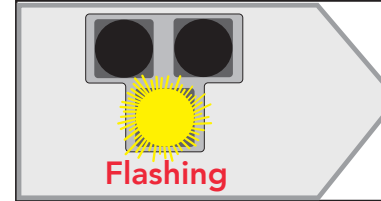
Motorists

Will see this...



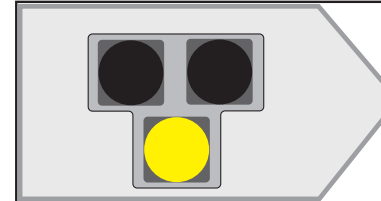
Will do this...

Proceed

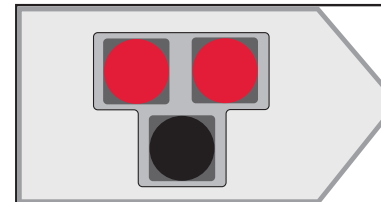


Proceed with Caution

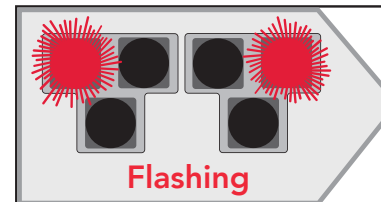
(Signal has been activated)



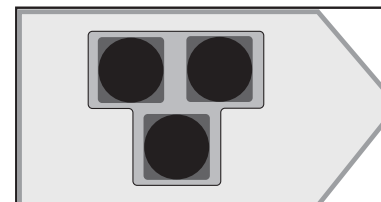
Slow down and prepare to STOP



STOP!



STOP! Then proceed with caution if clear of pedestrians



Proceed with caution