PROPER HAWK USAGE

To the pedestrian, the HAWK signal is very much like a standard signalized crosswalk. The pedestrian activates the HAWK by pushing the button on the pole and waits for the walk signal to appear before crossing. Pedestrians should look to ensure all traffic has stopped. During the countdown sequence, the HAWK will begin flashing red; motorists must stop at the stop bar, then proceed if the pedestrian has cleared their lane of traffic. This gives the pedestrian a protected phase to start crossing the roadway, but also helps keep traffic moving when the pedestrian has crossed. The HAWK will go dark when the walk cycle is finished.

For drivers, the HAWK cycles through: flashing yellow, solid yellow, solid red, and flashing red, before returning to dark. When the HAWK is activated by a pedestrian, the signal starts flashing yellow to alert drivers. After a few seconds, it turns to solid yellow followed by solid red. Drivers must come to a complete stop at the stop bar during solid red. After several seconds, the HAWK signal will begin flashing red. During this time, each driver must stop and then proceed through the intersection only if the pedestrian has cleared their lane. When the walk cycle finishes, the HAWK returns to dark. When the HAWK signal is inactive, drivers may proceed through the intersection. Drivers must always obey the posted speed limit and yield to pedestrians.

HAWK SIGNAL IN SAN JOSE

HAWK stands for High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk. It is a type of pedestrian crossing signal intended to increase safety for pedestrians at crosswalks. The HAWK signal was first developed and installed by the Tucson, Arizona Department of Transportation in 2000. The HAWK was officially added to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices as an approved signal device by the United States Department of Transportation in 2009. The HAWK has been shown to decrease vehicular crashes with pedestrians by 69% at crosswalks after installation. Studies have also shown that 97% of drivers comply and yield to pedestrians at HAWKs. The City of San Jose is installing new HAWKs in appropriate locations to enhance pedestrian safety while minimizing delays to motorists.

Additional questions regarding the proper usage of the HAWK as well as questions regarding how to be a safe and alert motorist or pedestrian can be answered at www.getstreetsmarts.org or sent by email to info@getstreetsmarts.org
### WHAT IS A “HAWK” SIGNAL?

“HAWK” stands for High-Intensity Activated Cross Walk, a new pedestrian crossing signal proven to increase safety for pedestrians.

### WHAT DRIVERS SEE/DO

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1. When not in use, the traffic signal is dark, and a solid raised hand indicates **DON’T WALK** *(raised hand)*.

2. When a pedestrian pushes the button, the traffic signal flashes yellow for several seconds.

3. After the flashing yellow interval, the traffic signal displays a solid yellow to give motorists enough time to stop.

4. After the solid yellow interval, the traffic signal is solid red, and the pedestrian signal displays a **WALK** *(walking person symbol)*, indicating that pedestrians are allowed to cross the street.

5. The traffic signal then flashes alternate red, and the pedestrian signal flashes **DON’T WALK**. Drivers may proceed after stopping if there are no pedestrians in the crosswalk.

6. After the flashing **DON’T WALK**, the traffic signal is dark again and the pedestrian signal indication is a raised hand *(DON’T WALK)* until the next pedestrian pushes the button.

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1. **Wait.**

2. **Start Crossing.**

3. **Continue Waiting.**

4. **Stop.**

5. **Stop. Then proceed with caution if clear.**

6. **Continue crossing.**

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