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Flashing Yellow Traffic Signals Being Installed

Harrisonburg, Va. – Harrisonburg’s Public Works Department will be installing flashing yellow traffic signals in the coming days.

Next week, motorists can expect to see new flashing yellow signals at the signal which is located in the westbound travel lanes of East Market Street for motorists turning left on to Interstate 81 southbound (see map on page 2). This new signal will only apply to vehicles making a left turn.

The purpose of this new traffic signal is to improve safety, reduce crashes, and more clearly alert motorists to the need to yield to other vehicles. In addition, wait times should be minimized and the overall traffic flow in this area is expected to improve.

In transitioning to the flashing yellow arrow traffic signal in other areas of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has seen a 36% reduction in left turn crashes.

Installation for this signal is slated to begin the week of December 14.

This schedule can be subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen maintenance on equipment.

The Harrisonburg Public Works Department maintains more than 300 lane miles, 42.37 miles of public sidewalk, 250 miles of curb and gutter, and hundreds of acres of city right-of-way. The Department strives to ensure a safe, clean, and clear passageway for all vehicular and pedestrian traffic. More information about street and sidewalk maintenance is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/public-works.
Current Signal Face

New Signal Face