

Why install a HAWK signal?

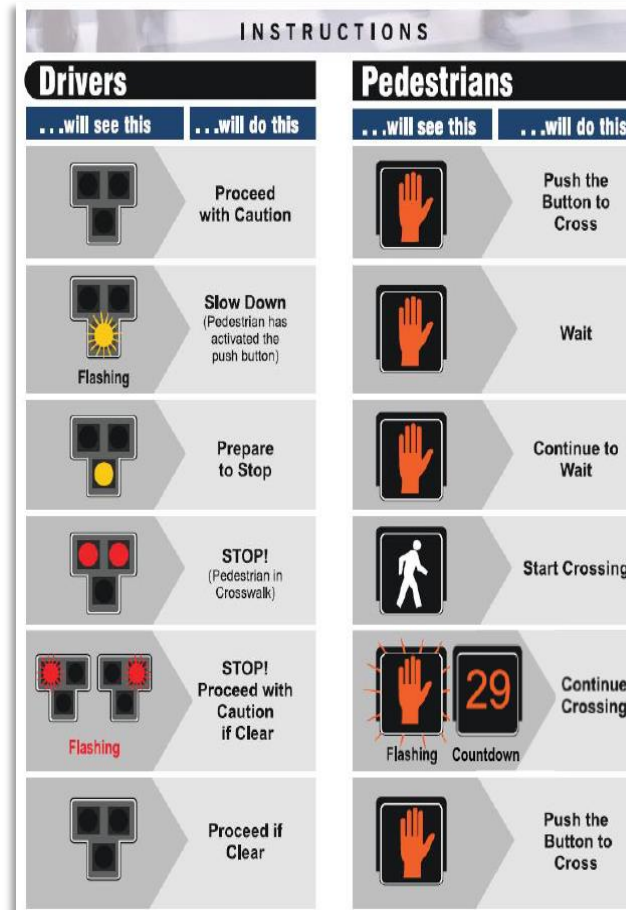
The City of Albuquerque installed a new traffic control device to help make crossing busy streets easier for pedestrians and bicyclists.

This new device is called a pedestrian hybrid beacon (PHB), but it is often called a HAWK (High-intensity Activated Crosswalk).



This new device was being installed as part of the 50-mile Activity Loop Project which is one portion of ABQ The Plan.

HAWK Signal



How it works

1. When not in use, the vehicle signal is dark, and a solid DON'T WALK (raised hand) is displayed for pedestrians at the crosswalk.
2. When the pedestrian push button is pressed, the vehicle signal will flash yellow for several seconds to alert drivers that a pedestrian or bike is going to cross.
3. Next it will display a solid yellow to give motorists enough time to stop at the crosswalk.
4. After the solid yellow, the vehicle signal will go to solid red, and pedestrians will be given a WALK (walking person symbol) signal.
5. After the WALK time expires, the vehicle signal will flash red in an alternating pattern while the pedestrians continue across the street with a flashing DON'T WALK signal. When the vehicle signal is flashing red, motorists may proceed after stopping if the pedestrians have crossed their half of the street.
6. After enough time has passed for pedestrians to complete their crossing, the vehicle signal will go dark once again, and the pedestrian signal will revert to the solid raised hand symbol until the pedestrian push button is pressed again.