



NEWS RELEASE

Date: March 5, 2011
Contact: Felicia Archer, RTC Public Information Officer
Telephone: 775-335-1821 FAX: 775-348-8999
Cell Phone: 775-292-5555
E-mail: farcher@rtcwashoe.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW FLASHING YELLOW LEFT-TURN SIGNALS TO DEBUT

RTC and partners at NDOT and local agencies have teamed up to improve safety using a new traffic signal. New flashing yellow left turn arrows will be cropping up all over town as part of a nationwide effort to increase driver awareness during left turns. The new project will install signals at 58 intersections in Reno, Sparks, Carson City, and Washoe and Douglas counties at a cost of about \$1 million. Detailed information is available www.nevadadot.com/flashingyellow. NDOT is also installing countdown pedestrian signals as part of the safety project.

The signals are placed over the turn lane with a flashing yellow arrow pointing left to indicate a vehicle is allowed to cautiously enter the intersection. The flashing left-turn arrow indicates you must yield to oncoming vehicles and to pedestrians and then proceed with caution. Experts say the new device is a more direct message than the circular green light for turn lanes and it reduces confusion since the turn lane display is no longer the same signal as it is for the adjacent through lanes. It also allows intersections to operate more efficiently.

The new device was originally developed in Reno, but after extensive study and trials, was recently approved by the Federal Highway Administration for use nationwide.

For complete RTC information go to rtcwashoe.com to sign up for free email updates using MyRTC or call 348-0400.

SEE IMAGE BELOW

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE

Completed Intersections:

Reno:

Damonte Ranch Pkwy & Old Virginia Road
Virginia St & Sierra Center Pkwy

Sparks:

Prater Way & Marina Gateway Dr
Los Altos Pkwy & Ion Dr

**Flashing Yellow Arrow
Turn Signal**



Steady Red Arrow -
Drivers must stop and may not enter the intersection.



Steady Yellow Arrow -
Drivers are warned the turning signal is about to turn red. Do not enter the intersection if you can stop safely. Vehicles in the intersection should safely complete their turns.



Flashing Yellow Arrow -
Drivers are allowed to turn after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. (Oncoming traffic has a green light.) Drivers must determine if there is an adequate gap before turning!



Steady Green Arrow -
Drivers making a turn have the right-of-way.