

Flashing Yellow Arrows (FYA)

Georgia DOT is now installing four-section Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) signals across the state. This traffic signal includes a flashing yellow arrow that means drivers can turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians (oncoming traffic still has the green light).

How It Works?

The new signals are easier to understand because it uses an arrow to display the type of left turn movement allowed. Here's what the various arrows mean:

Solid Green

Ok to turn left; oncoming traffic must stop



Flashing Yellow

Ok to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians



Solid Yellow

Prepare to stop or clear intersection before solid red arrow appears



Solid Red

STOP - no turn allowed



Implementation

Approximately 30 locations statewide have been identified for immediate change to Flashing Yellow Arrows. The following criteria is used to help select appropriate locations:

- Intersections where traffic congestion is a recurring problem.
- Most "eligible" intersections have standard "dog house" 5-section traffic signal - drivers make "permissive left."
- Most "eligible" intersections have high traffic volumes and accident rates.

NOTE: Flashing Yellow Arrows is the preferred left turn treatment for all new signal upgrades.

Benefits



Flashing Yellow Arrows are just one of Georgia DOT's operational improvements that are cost-effective, proven, innovative and safe. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) encourages the use of Flashing Yellow Arrows. Based on FHWA guidance, Georgia DOT policy now identifies Flashing Yellow Arrows as the preferred intersection traffic signal.

FHWA studies found that flashing yellow arrows:

- Help reduce left turn crashes by 35%
- Move more traffic through an intersection, easing traffic congestion
- Reduce vehicle idling and air pollution
- Reduced pollution

NOTE: Drivers made fewer mistakes with the new Flashing Yellow Arrows than with traditional left-turn arrow signals.