Countdown pedestrian signals

These beacons will be used at the HAWK signal located on Lomas and Alvarado. One on both the North and South sides of Lomas will assist pedestrians and bicyclists crossing Lomas.

If for any reason a pedestrian cannot walk the whole intersection in the designated time, there is a button located midway in the median area. Pedestrians and bicyclists simply press the button and will be notified when it is clear to start walking again.

It uses traditional traffic and pedestrian signal heads, but in a different configuration. The HAWK signal also includes signs instructing motorists to “STOP ON RED” and pedestrians on how to cross safely.

Always Remember to stop, look Left, Right and then Left again before crossing

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Why install a HAWK signal?

The City of Albuquerque installed a new type of 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 installed as part of the 50-Mile Activity Loop Project which is part of ABQ the Plan.

How it works

1. When not in use, the signal for vehicles is dark, and a solid DON'T WALK (raised hand) is displayed at the crosswalk.

2. When the push button is pressed, the signal for vehicles will flash yellow for several seconds to alert drivers that a pedestrian or bicyclist is going to cross.

3. Next it will display a solid yellow to give motorists enough time to stop prior to the crosswalk.

4. After the solid yellow, the signal for vehicles will turn solid red. Pedestrians or bicyclists 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 or bicyclists 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 or bicyclists have crossed their half of the street.

6. After time has passed for pedestrians or bicyclists 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.