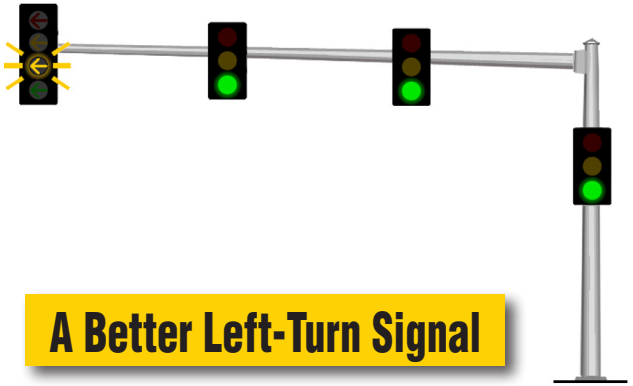
Flashing Yellow Arrow Turn Signal

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.



A Better Left-Turn Signal

SAFER
A national study demonstrated drivers had fewer crashes with the flashing yellow left-turn arrow then with the traditional yielding left-turn indication.

LESS DELAY
You have more opportunities to make a left turn with the flashing yellow left-turn arrow than with the traditional yielding left-turn indication, which keeps you moving.

MORE FLEXIBLE
The new display provides traffic engineers with more options to handle variable traffic volumes.

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What to know about

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The Nevada Department of Transportation is implementing a new traffic signal display to provide a safer, more efficient left turn for motorists. The flashing yellow arrow indication is a new type of display that will replace the circular green indication for left turns and selected right turns at signalized intersections.

What Is It?

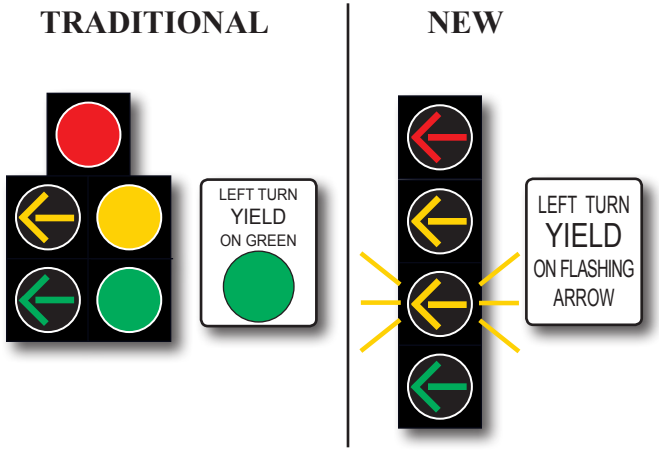
It's a new type of signal placed over the turn lane at a signalized intersection. A flashing yellow arrow means a vehicle is allowed to cautiously enter the intersection only to make the turn indicated by the arrow, but you must first YIELD to oncoming traffic and pedestrians then proceed with caution.

The new flashing yellow arrow indication provides a more direct message than the circular green for turn lanes. It reduces confusion since the turn lane display is no longer the same indication as what is displayed for the adjacent through lanes.

A National Study Confirms It's A Better Left-Turn Signal

Several states, including Nevada, are currently using this type of left-turn signal. We expect the new flashing yellow arrow display to become the standard signal display for left turns. A national study conducted for the Federal Highway Administration demonstrated the new indication helps to prevent crashes, increases intersection capacity and provides additional traffic management flexibility for road agencies.

Signal Display Changes



Flashing yellow arrows are more commonly used for left turns, but they can be used for selected right-turn locations to better serve traffic demands.

What should motorists do when approaching the flashing yellow arrow turn signal?

Drivers should yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. When it is safe, proceed with caution through the intersection.

After it flashes, the flashing yellow arrow then becomes a steady (non-flashing) yellow arrow or a green arrow. Drivers should treat the steady yellow arrow just like a standard yellow light - prepare to stop or safely clear the intersection before the red light appears.

Will the flashing yellow arrow be on all day?

An advantage of the flashing yellow turn display is that it gives traffic engineers the flexibility to use specific indications during different times of the day to better serve traffic demands. This means the flashing yellow arrow or steady green arrow may not be seen every time you approach the intersection. This helps to reduce your wait times at intersections that use this display.