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If you have questions, requests, or
suggestions concerning traffic, please
contact the Transportation
Engineering Division at

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PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS



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Why are the words “Walk” and “Don’t Walk” being replaced by symbols?

Symbols are easier for everyone to understand in a shorter amount of time. Easily recognized symbols are also helpful for people who can’t read English, including small children. Here’s what they mean:



The silhouette of a walking person means you may begin to cross the street when the light first appears.



A flashing “DON’T WALK” or upraised hand means you should not begin to cross the street, but if you have already started to cross, you will have plenty of time to finish crossing.



A steady “DON’T WALK” or upraised hand means you should stay at the curb and wait for the next signal.

How do you decide where to install pedestrian signals?

Pedestrian signals are installed where many pedestrians cross or where traffic signals don’t meet the needs of pedestrians.



Some intersections are laid out at odd angles, and pedestrians can’t see the regular signals. In other cases, turning and merging lanes make intersections so complicated that special provisions must be made for pedestrians.

To request that the City install a pedestrian signal, please contact the Plano Transportation Division. The staff will study the location to determine if pedestrian signals are warranted.

Do I really need to push the button to activate the pedestrian signal?



Where buttons are available to pedestrians, it’s because the traffic signal is timed for cars, not for walkers. If you don’t activate the pedestrian signal by pushing the button, you will not receive a “Walk” signal, and the traffic light may not give you enough time to finish crossing the street safely. You only need to push the button once to activate it.

Can I count on a safe crossing if I follow the pedestrian signals?

Signals will show you when crossing is safest, but please be careful:

- Cross intersections defensively. Try to make eye contact with drivers.
- Cross the street as quickly as you are able. Minimize your time in the roadway.
- Watch for turning vehicles. You have the legal right to be there, but that doesn’t protect you from careless motorists.