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Maple & Industrial Traffic Signal

ABILENE, Texas – The City anticipates a new traffic signal at Industrial and Maple to be turned on, Monday September 18. This will be the first flashing yellow arrow (FYA) implementation for the City. It is expected to be fully operational by the end of the week. Prior to being fully activated, the intersection will temporarily become an all-way stop condition to allow crews to safely adjust the signals. The signal will improve overall safety for motorists and pedestrians while allowing for better traffic flow and operational efficiency at the intersection.

Research on the use of FYA left-turn signals has shown to improve intersection safety by giving drivers better understood directions while allowing traffic engineers to operate traffic signals in the most efficient manner. A comprehensive seven year study completed by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration, found that drivers made fewer mistakes with the new FYA signals than with traditional left turn signals.

The City of Abilene asks motorists to keep the following rules of the road in mind when driving through an intersection using flashing yellow arrow signals:

- The *red, steady yellow, and green arrows* will have the same meaning as in any other traffic signal.
- Vehicular traffic facing a *green arrow* signal may cautiously enter the intersection, but must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
- Vehicular traffic facing a *steady yellow arrow* signal indication is warned that the related *green arrow* movement or the related flashing arrow movement is being terminated.
- Vehicular traffic facing a *steady red arrow* signal indication shall not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow.
- The *flashing yellow arrow* means that oncoming traffic has a green light, so left-turn traffic must yield. Vehicular traffic facing a *flashing yellow arrow* left-turn signal is permitted to cautiously enter the intersection only to make the left-turn movement; however, they must yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction, as well as other vehicles in the intersection and pedestrians in the crosswalks.

The contractor for this project was Siemens Mobility Inc. and is made possible by a voter approved Proposition 1 in 2015. This allowed the issuance of \$45,975,000 for street and road improvements which included signal upgrades.

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