

24 Mile & Van Dyke – NEW Safety Traffic Light

The following information is from the State of Michigan web site and provides useful information for drivers on how to safely maneuver through the “new” style traffic light at the 24 Mile & Van Dyke intersection.

Flashing Yellow Arrow Left-Turn Signal

Remember: a flashing yellow arrow = turn with caution.

You may have begun to notice a new style of left-turn signal on Michigan's roads. Placed OVER the left-turn lane at a signalized intersection, this new signal display includes a flashing yellow arrow.

In coming years, this type of signal will replace all flashing red left-turn signals.

How will it work?

In most locations, the flashing yellow arrow will be part of a four-arrow signal. In areas where this is not possible, the bottom of a three-arrow signal will display either the flashing yellow arrow or a steady green arrow.

Signal phases:



Red: STOP.



Flashing yellow arrow: Left turns permitted. Yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. [Oncoming traffic has a green light.]



Green arrow: Safe to turn left. [Oncoming traffic must stop.]



Steady yellow arrow: The left-turn signal is about to change to red; prepare to stop, or prepare to complete your left turn if you are within the intersection.

Why the change?

This change is the result of a national study conducted for the Federal Highway Administration, which demonstrated that the new signals:

- help to prevent crashes
- move more traffic through an intersection
- and provide additional traffic management flexibility.

Why is it a better left-turn signal?

- It's safer. A national study demonstrated that drivers made fewer mistakes with the new signals than with traditional left-turn arrow signals.
- It's more efficient. The new signals provide traffic engineers with more options to handle variable traffic volumes.
- It's more consistent. You'll see the same signals in every state because the new signals will be mandated throughout the U.S.

