

# Flashing Yellow Arrow Left-Turn Signal to be Installed at Intersection on Pierson Road and Linden Road in Mt. Morris Township

The Genesee County Road Commission announced today that a new left-turn traffic signal which incorporates a flashing yellow left-turn arrow will be installed at the intersection of Pierson Road and Linden Road in Mt. Morris Township on Monday September 21, 2009.

This new type of four-arrow signal is being introduced nationwide and ultimately will be required at all intersections where there is a separate left-turn arrow signal. They are replacing the flashing red left-turn signals that are now common in Michigan.

A national study conducted by the Federal Highway Administration demonstrated that the new signals help to prevent accidents with drivers making fewer mistakes with the new signals than with traditional flashing red left-turn signals. They also move traffic more efficiently and provide traffic engineers with more options to handle variable traffic volumes. They also eliminate the potential confusion caused by a flashing red arrow. Red universally means STOP.

The new signal will consist of four phases or intervals as follows:

Interval 1 - Flashing Yellow Arrow: turn left when oncoming traffic is clear (Caution – remember, oncoming traffic has a green light).

Interval 2 - Steady Green Arrow: turn left. Oncoming traffic has a red light.

Interval 3 - Steady Yellow Arrow: This is a warning that the left-turn signal is about to change to red and that you should prepare to stop – *or* prepare to complete your left turn if you are legally within the intersection and there is no conflicting traffic.

Interval 4 - Steady Red Arrow: Stop. (This interval is followed by Interval 1).

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