# Flashing Yellow Arrow

When you encounter a flashing yellow arrow you are permitted to make a left turn after yielding to oncoming traffic.



A red arrow means STOP. Drivers turning left must stop.



A steady yellow arrow means left turning traffic should stop if it is safe to do so.



A flashing yellow arrow means drivers may turn left but must first yield to oncoming traffic and any pedestrians



A green arrow means left turns are protected. Drivers may turn left.

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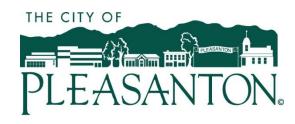
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## Why Use a Flashing Yellow Arrow?

The use of a flashing yellow arrow reduces driver delay by providing more left turn opportunities than a traditional left turn signal, this reduces wait times and keeps traffic moving. The flashing yellow arrow also provides a direct message to drivers to cautiously enter the intersection. Studies have shown a flashing yellow arrow is less confusing than the green ball used in the past, thereby increasing vehicle safety at the intersection.



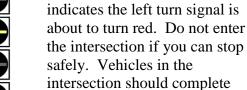
#### Signal Explained



A **red arrow means** STOP. Drivers turning left must stop and wait.



A steady yellow arrow

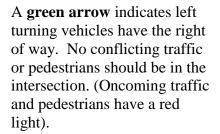


their turn.



#### A flashing yellow arrow

indicates left turning vehicles are allowed to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and any pedestrians. (Oncoming traffic has a green light and pedestrians may have a walk indication).



### **Protected and Unprotected Turns**

A protected turn is indicated by a green arrow. When the green arrow is illuminated there are no conflicting pedestrians or vehicles that have a green light. An unprotected turn is indicated by either a green ball or a flashing yellow arrow. When a turn is unprotected oncoming traffic has a green light and pedestrians may have a walk indication. When you are making an unprotected turn you must yield to opposing vehicles and any pedestrians.



