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GLENDALE INSTALLS NEW FLASHING YELLOW LEFT TURN ARROWS AT 59TH AND OLIVE AVENUES

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Glendale’s Transportation Department will modify the existing traffic signal at the intersection of 59th and Olive avenues that will change how drivers can make left turns and improve safety.

Once the signal is modified, a driver will only be able to make a left turn with a green arrow, during the peak hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. This is called a ‘protected left turn.’ During off-peak traffic hours, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., the intersection will run a ‘permissive left turn’ with flashing yellow arrows.

A traffic study revealed that there are approximately 2,200 pedestrian crossings each day at this intersection. One of the first steps for improving the intersection involved re-striping the intersection; new ‘X’ boxes were put in place to keep drivers a little further back from the intersection to give pedestrians a larger buffer zone from the vehicle traffic.

“This signal improvement will allow traffic and pedestrians to move more safely through this highly-traveled intersection,” said Chris Lemka, principal traffic engineer. “With so many pedestrians and vehicles in this area, Glendale Transportation staff has made a concerted effort to implement enhancements here, including securing \$2 million in federal funding to install raised medians and additional streetlights in the next few years.”

The new signal is expected to be operational some time on Feb. 26. For further information on transportation in Glendale, visit www.glendaleaz.com/transportation or call 623-930-2940.

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