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## *Traffic Signals and ramps to be upgraded on Bristol Road, from Torrey Road to Dort Highway*

Flint, Michigan. ---

The Genesee County Road Commission announced today that the traffic signals, pedestrian crossing signals, and pedestrian ramps at intersections along Bristol Road, from Torrey Road to Dort Highway in Grand Blanc Township and the City of Burton are being upgraded. Traffic signals will be interconnected – wirelessly - to improve traffic flow, and retrofitted with new light-emitting diode (LED) lights for increased visibility, while countdown pedestrian signals and pushbuttons will be installed at crosswalks. At the same time, ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are being installed at these intersections.

The traffic signals will be upgraded to the new style which incorporates a flashing yellow left-turn arrow. 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.

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).

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 eliminate the potential confusion caused by a flashing red arrow - red universally means STOP.

They also move traffic more efficiently and provide traffic engineers with more options to handle variable traffic volumes.

Construction of these upgrades begins Monday April 12, 2010, and should be completed by June 30th. Closure of the right hand lane in each direction will be necessary occasionally as work progresses. One lane in each direction and a center left turn lane will remain open at all times during construction.

For more information please contact Traffic Engineer Christina Michael-Shenouda at (810) 767-4920.

Motorists are urged to exercise caution in this and ALL construction zones this summer.

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