

# City of El Cajon

## News Release



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### **Additional Protected Permissive Left Turn (PPLT) Signals**

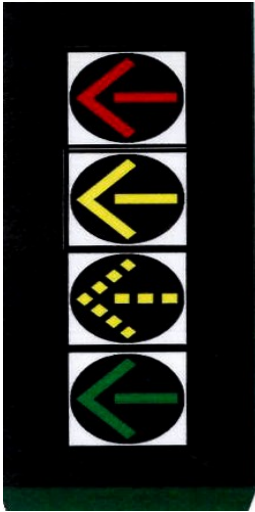
To help reduce traffic delays, City Engineers will soon be adding four more PPLT signals in the City of El Cajon along Magnolia Avenue. The new signals will be installed on Magnolia Avenue at Civic Center Way, at Wells Avenue, at Douglas Avenue, and at Lexington Avenue.

The first PPLT system was first installed at the intersection of Park Avenue and Magnolia in June of 2005, the second on Johnson Avenue at Madison Avenue in February of 2007. The purpose of these signals is to improve the traffic flow at these intersections by providing motorists a “second” opportunity to make a left turn. Many of those who use these signals have experienced the benefits of improved traffic flows. With the success at these first two locations, Council authorized the installation of four additional PPLT signals along Magnolia Avenue. The new signals should be in place by August.

This 4-section signal head allows for a flashing yellow arrow indicator giving motorists another opportunity to turn left under a yield condition. But, you are permitted to turn left **only after yielding to opposing traffic and pedestrians**. If you missed the green left turn arrow, you get a second opportunity to turn left when you see the flashing yellow arrow. This is designed to save you time and help ease traffic congestion. Please remember; always be aware of oncoming traffic and pedestrians who may be crossing at the same time you are trying to make your left turn.

The diagram below explains in detail the features of this PPLT signal. The City of El Cajon was the first City in the County to use the flashing yellow arrow system.

Here's what the indications mean:



**Solid Red Arrow = Stop. No left turns allowed.**

**Solid Yellow Arrow = Prepare to stop.**

**Flashing Yellow Arrow = Left turns allowed, but yield to traffic and pedestrians.**

**Solid Green Arrow = Left turns allowed. Proceed with caution.**

If you have any questions regarding this PPLT signal system please contact the Department of Public Works Traffic Engineering Division at (619) 441-1653.