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## Flashing beacon warns drivers to stop for pedestrians

*Flashing beacon on SW Barbur Blvd. installed in a way not done before*

Traffic engineers will turn on a “**Rapid Flash Beacon**” in the 4900 block of SW Barbur Blvd. (OR 99W) south of SW Hamilton St. (near Rasmussen Village) Tuesday morning, Feb. 7. ODOT has taken the unusual step of installing this flashing beacon above the highway to make it easier for drivers to see. We have also installed more warning beacons a little way down the highway to warn drivers to slow down ahead of time so they can stop safely.

When a pedestrian activates the system, yellow LED lights flash in a random pattern to alert drivers that they should stop to allow the pedestrian to cross safely. When not in use, the beacon remains dark.



### Responding to a flashing beacon: Drivers

1. PREPARE TO STOP when you see the flashing yellow lights
2. STOP behind the bold white pavement marking in advance of the crossing; remain stopped until pedestrians have cleared the lane and the adjacent lane
3. PROCEED WITH CAUTION after pedestrians have cleared the crossing

### Using the flashing beacon: Pedestrians

Pedestrians must always be alert for the driver not paying attention—and not stopping.

1. PUSH button to activate the beacon for all lanes
2. LOOK! Don't cross until all drivers in all lanes stop
3. STOP before crossing each lane to make sure all drivers have stopped
4. PUSH the button in the median island if drivers haven't stopped; repeat steps 2 and 3

The flashing beacon is a cooperative effort involving the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation, TriMet, Southwest Neighborhood Inc., Southwest Trails Inc., the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition and ODOT.

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