



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Yield on Flashing Yellow Arrow U.S. Route 50, Route 5 and Route B in Tipton** Public Informational Meeting July 15, 2009, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

#### **Q. What is the purpose of this project?**

**A.** The purpose of the project is to upgrade the current traffic signal system at the intersection of U.S. Route 50, Route 5 and Route B in Tipton as part of MoDOT's maintenance schedule and implement a new "Yield on Flashing Yellow Arrow" traffic display to provide safer left turns for motorists.

#### **Q. What is a "Yield on Flashing Yellow Arrow?"**

**A.** "Yield on Flashing Yellow Arrow" is a new signal indication being introduced to the public. A flashing yellow arrow means left turns are allowed, but you must first yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians and then proceed with caution. It will replace the traditional "Left Turn Yield On Green" indication currently used for dedicated left-turn lanes at the intersection of U.S. Route 50 and Route 5. When no dedicated left-turn lane is available (for southbound Route B motorists turning left onto Route 50), drivers will still be required to yield on a green ball.

#### **Q. What is the reason for the change?**

**A.** MoDOT is moving toward installing the "Yield on Flashing Yellow Arrow" display at some locations to reduce possible confusion experienced when the left-turn lane display appears the same as the green indication for the adjacent through lanes. Several states, including Missouri are using this type of signal. We expect the new signals to become the preferred signal display for left turns.

**Q. What should motorists do when approaching the flashing yellow left-turn signal?**

**A.** Drivers should yield to oncoming traffic. When it is safe, make your left turn and proceed through the intersection. After it flashes, the flashing yellow left-turn arrow then becomes the steady (non-flashing) yellow left-turn arrow. Drivers should treat the steady yellow arrow just like a standard yellow light. Prepare to stop before the red light appears.

**Q. What is the project cost?**

**A.** The entire project is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000 and work includes replacing the existing wooden poles and span wires with more durable steel poles and mast arms to hold the signal heads. This upgrade will reduce future maintenance costs for the signalized intersection. Additionally, a “Yield on Flashing Yellow Arrow” traffic display will be implemented.

**Q. When will work take place and how will traffic be handled during the work?**

**A.** Crews must complete the improvements between fall 2009 and early 2010. Once work begins, it is expected to last approximately one month. Motorists should expect some lane closures. Minor delays can be expected as crews flag traffic through the area.

**Q. Will additional right of way be needed to construct this project?**

**A.** No. The work will be completed within the existing right of way.

**Q. How do I learn more?**

**A.** You may learn more about this project or about the “Yield on Flashing Yellow Arrow” indication by contacting MoDOT at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or [www.modot.org/central](http://www.modot.org/central).