



Developing Benefits of RRFBs

RRFBs are a lower cost alternative to traffic signals or hybrid signals and are shown to significantly increase driver yielding behavior at crosswalks.

A Federal Highway Administration-sponsored study found that RRFBs at pedestrian crosswalks are dramatically more effective at increasing driver yielding rates to pedestrians than traditional overhead beacons.

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What are the Flashing Beacons at Crosswalks?

RRFBs supplement warning signs at pedestrian crossings.

RRFBs utilize a flashing pattern similar to emergency vehicles which lets drivers know there is a pedestrian using the crosswalk facility. RRFBs have been shown to increase the number of drivers yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Not every crosswalk should have RRFBs. A study needs to be completed to justify the installation of RRFBs.

An RRFB is used to supplement a pedestrian crosswalk warning sign. An RRFB shall not be used for crosswalks controlled by YIELD signs, STOP signs, or traffic control signals, except at roundabouts.



PEDESTRIAN TIPS

- Check for traffic before using crosswalk. Never assume that you are seen or that a motorist will yield.
- Push the button to turn on the RRFBs.
- While crossing stay within the crosswalk, and continue to check for traffic.
- Don't leave the curb or go into the path of vehicle which is so close that the driver can't yield.
- Refer to State Law 23 VSA 1051b for pedestrian legal responsibilities.



DRIVER TIPS

- Be alert and reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- **Drivers are Required to yield to** pedestrians in a crosswalk, even when the RRFB is not activated.
- Yield, slow down or stop if necessary if a pedestrian is crossing within a crosswalk.
- Do not pass another vehicle that is stopped at a crosswalk.
- Refer to State Law 23 VSA 1051a for driver legal responsibilities.

How RRFBs Work

1 A pedestrian activates the RRFB by pressing the button.

2 The RRFB begins to flash to alert drivers that a pedestrian wants to cross the street in the crosswalk.

3 Flashing lights facing the pedestrian confirm the activation of the RRFB.

4 The RRFB flashes for a set time that allows a pedestrian adequate time to cross the street.

5 After the allocated time has passed for the pedestrians to complete their crossing, the RRFB turns off.

