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## **CALTRANS INSTALLS INNOVATIVE PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL AT STATE ROUTE 165 AND SCRIPPS DRIVE IN LOS BANOS**

**Los Banos** – Caltrans has completed the installation of an innovative project to upgrade pedestrian crossings at State Route 165 and Scripps Avenue. This intersection is heavily used by businesses and residents, with two schools in close proximity.

The project will improve safety and mobility for residents and businesses, and bolster California's Active Transportation Program. The ATP is designed to increase the number of walking and cycling trips, improve safety and mobility for pedestrians and non-motorized users, enhance public health and reduce greenhouse gases.

Caltrans installed a high intensity activated crosswalk (HAWK) beacon system, which uses an overhead traffic light-style warning to alert drivers that pedestrians are present. The yellow light flashes when triggered by a pedestrian, followed by a solid yellow and then a red light – with the red light requiring motorists to stop at the crosswalk.

While slightly different in appearance, the beacon's function is very similar to the traditional traffic light in that it stops traffic and allows pedestrians to cross safely. The beacon is inactive unless it is triggered.

The \$95,000 project was completed by Traffic Development Services of Moorpark, CA.

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For the safety of workers and other motorists, please Slow for the Cone Zone.

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