

# HAWK

Pedestrian Beacon



## What is a HAWK?

**HAWK** is an acronym for **H**igh-intensity **A**ctivated cross**W**alk. It's a type of pedestrian crossing beacon that has been proven to increase safety. **HAWK**'s were developed by the City of Tucson in the 1990's; since then they have been installed in many cities including Boise, Eagle and Meridian.

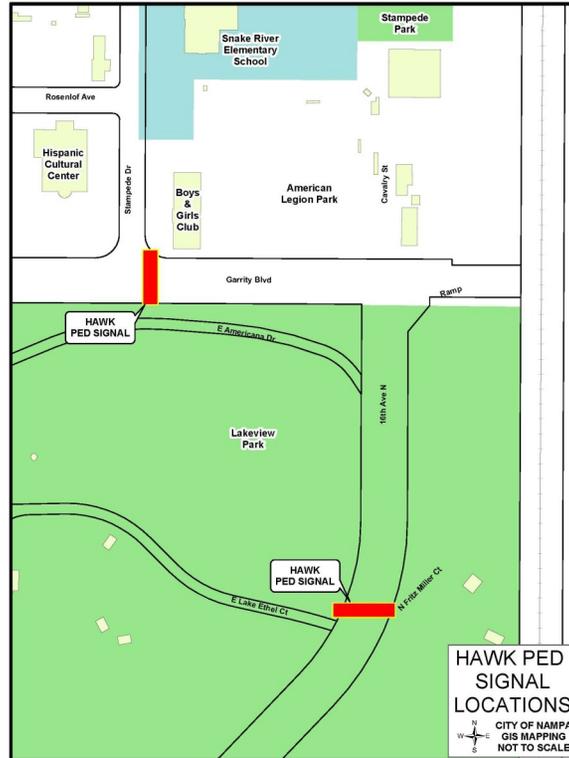
The **HAWK** pedestrian beacon was included in the 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for use nationally.

**HAWK**'s are used to assist pedestrians in crossing major streets when a conventional traffic signal is not warranted. The City of Nampa now has two new **HAWK** beacons at popular pedestrian crossings near Lakeview Park.

1. Garrity Boulevard at Stampede Drive
2. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North at East Lake Ethel Court

# Location of new HAWK

Pedestrian Beacons



City of Nampa  
Public Works Department  
Nampa City Hall  
411 Third Street South  
Nampa, Idaho 83651

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A User's Guide for  
Pedestrians and Drivers



# HAWK Light Sequence



## How Does It Work?

The **HAWK** beacon progresses through a sequence of five light movements. The graphic on the right describes the action which pedestrians and drivers take at each phase. Unlike other traffic signals, the **HAWK** will only be activated if a pedestrian pushes the button, otherwise the beacon will be dark and drivers can proceed with caution.



## What Drivers Need to Know

The flashing yellow light is a warning to drivers that a pedestrian has activated the signal. Drivers are encouraged to slow down and proceed through the intersection with caution. The solid yellow and solid red lights are treated like any other traffic signal. Finally, the signal goes to a flashing red, letting drivers know that after coming to a complete stop, they can proceed with caution if the way is clear.



## What Pedestrians Need to Know

Using a **HAWK** as a pedestrian is easy. Simply press the button and wait for a walk signal to appear, be sure that traffic has stopped before you proceed.

