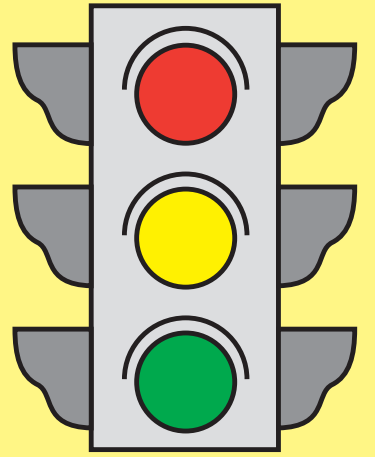


SIGNAL LIGHTS ACTIVATED THIS WEEK



Signal lights will soon be fully operational. Weather permitting, late this week drivers and pedestrians using two key Stadium Road intersections will no longer see intersection traffic controllers in vests blowing their whistles and waving their orange gloved hands during heavy traffic periods.

Intersections at Stadium & Warren (Taylor Center corner) and Stadium & Ellis (Gage corner) will be fully electronic.

Heads Up; Lights rule!

No Whistles, waiving of hands, and no humans risking life and limb in the middle of the intersection during all sorts of weather. Pedestrians and drivers need to train themselves to use these new electronic tools. Pedestrians can no longer trump across an intersection looking down at the pavement oblivious to nearby vehicles and those on roller blades and bikes need to gauge their braking time. Runners zipping down the sidewalk should not expect vehicles to stop when a runner bolts across the street.

Be Alert.

Over \$400,000 has been committed to a series of upgrades along Stadium Road. The new signal lights at the Taylor and Gage will operate in harmony with those put in place last August at Stadium & Monks (by Jake's Stadium Pizza). Blue Earth County and the City of Mankato have worked with MSU to make all of these improvements. The changes are designed to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

Also be on the lookout for new signs banning left turns into Lots 20,21,22, and 23 for vehicles traveling west down Stadium Road.