



Safe Mobility At Intersections

# Countdown Pedestrian Signals



*Improving  
Pedestrian Features*



## What are countdown pedestrian signals?



Countdown pedestrian signals consist of a regular pedestrian signal with standard shapes and color, and an added display showing the number of seconds left to safely cross the street.

## Where are they being used?

Countdown pedestrian signals are now the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) standard pedestrian signal on the State Highway System (Policy No. 000-750-010). Countdowns are being installed on all new construction and any rebuilt traffic signal installations where pedestrians are involved.



## How do they work?

The countdown time period is based on walking speed and crossing distance. For instance, an eight-lane highway would have a longer countdown period than a four-lane road. The countdown period starts at the beginning of the DON'T START or flashing hand phase and ends with a zero and a DON'T WALK or solid red hand.



## What are the benefits?

Countdown pedestrian signals are easily understood by all age groups; they increase the feeling of safety; reduce the number of pedestrians stranded in the crosswalk when the light changes; are well suited for wide crossings and areas with large numbers of senior citizens; and are simple to install.



For more information, visit FDOT's Safe Mobility for Life Web Site at: [www.dot.state.fl.us/trafficoperations/safetyisgolden.htm](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/trafficoperations/safetyisgolden.htm)

