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**New Traffic Signal Pattern Along US 31w Aimed At Reducing Collisions**

ELIZABETHTOWN, KY (November 2, 2011) –  Following a study regarding high frequency of crashes, the intersection of US 31w and KY 447/Kohls entrance in Elizabethtown will be adjusted with a new traffic signal pattern aimed at reducing collisions.  Recent data shows these accidents occur during peak traffic hours and primarily involve northbound vehicles turning left onto KY 447 and southbound vehicles turning left into Kohls colliding with US 31w north and south thru traffic.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is implementing “Variable Phasing” on the left turn signals at the intersection.  This is the first application of a variable phasing signal in the state.

Currently, motorists from northbound and southbound can continue to turn left (yield on green when clear) after a yellow arrow signal.  Upon implementation of variable phasing, left turn motorists will be subject to a red arrow signal from .  Upon implementation of variable phasing, left turn motorists will be subject to a red arrow signal from 7am to 8pm that will prohibit left turns until given a green arrow signal.   Yield on green when clear will be replaced with a flashing yellow arrow signal to allow left turns during off peak hours.

Signals at the intersection will be converted to variable phasing on Monday, November 7th.  This will allow nearly three weeks for traffic to adjust to the changes ahead of congestion expected with the arrival of the holiday shopping season on Friday, November 25th.

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