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Seven Newly Upgraded Signals To Be Turned On At Various Locations In Bartow County

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation announces seven newly upgraded traffic signals in Bartow County are scheduled to be fully operational on Monday, January 1, 2016. A newly upgraded signal on State Route (SR) 3/US 41 at its intersections with Country Club will be turned on Monday. Six more signals on Highway 113 at its intersection with Henderson, Douthit Ferry Road, Old Mill Road, Euharlee Road, Cover Bridge Road, and Liberty Road are also scheduled to be fully operational.

“These upgraded signals allow for a flashing yellow left turns. This flashing yellow arrows help drivers better understand when to make a left turn freely, when they should proceed with their turn cautiously, and when they cannot turn left. Our primary purpose is to reduce the crashes that result when a left-turning vehicle is struck by oncoming traffic. Please be cautious until you get familiar with the changes at these five intersections. Remember, other drivers may be surprised by the new signals so give yourself plenty of space between you and the driver in front of you,” said Dewayne Comer, district engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Cartersville.

Traffic signals with flashing yellow left turn arrows are proven to be safer. A decade-long national study by the Federal Highway Administration found that drivers had fewer crashes with the flashing yellow arrow. They are also more efficient as they provide more options for controlling traffic based on variable traffic volumes since the timing sequence can be made to vary throughout the day.

Georgia DOT kindly reminds motorists how to react if they encounter a malfunctioning traffic signal. Motorists should proceed with caution if they are facing a flashing yellow light and yield to vehicles and pedestrians who are already in the intersection. A flashing red light means motorists should come to a complete stop, just like at a stop sign. If power is out and the traffic signals are off please treat the intersection as an all-way stop. When it is safe to do so, please call 511 to report the malfunction to GDOT.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia’s economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Georgia is among the fastest growing states in the nation yet lags near the bottom in per capita spending on transportation. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release [RSS feed](#). You may follow us on [Facebook \(www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT\)](https://www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT) and [Twitter \(http://twitter.com/gadepoftrans\)](https://twitter.com/gadepoftrans). You also may like us on [Facebook \(https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNW\)](https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNW) and follow us [Twitter \(https://twitter.com/GDOTNW\)](https://twitter.com/GDOTNW).

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