PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON

A new pedestrian hybrid beacon has been installed at Route 27 and Magnolia Street, near the busy NJ TRANSIT Metropark Station. The signal, consisting of an unusual configuration of three lights, controls motor vehicle traffic and enhances safety for pedestrians crossing Route 27.

- Pedestrians will see a "don't walk" symbol until the traffic signal displays red lights to motorists.
- A pedestrian must activate the beacon by pushing a button at the crosswalk.
- Pedestrians should expect to wait at least 14 seconds and up to 93 seconds until the "cross now" symbol is displayed.
- The beacon also provides audible "wait" and "cross" messages.

The traffic signal that motorists see will cycle through a sequence of displays, starting with a flashing yellow light to indicate to motorists that a pedestrian is ready to use the crosswalk. The display changes to a steady yellow light, which indicates to motorists to stop if safe to do so. It will then display two red lights, requiring motorists to stop. This is when pedestrians get the "walk" signal.

Finally, the signal will display flashing red lights, which requires motorists to come to a complete stop before proceeding if safe to do so. The signal then goes dark until a pedestrian activates it.

