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MDOT and city of Ann Arbor to host first-ever HAWK Walk on Nov. 17

WHAT: The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the city of Ann Arbor welcomes the public to celebrate an innovative new pedestrian signal soon to be active at the corner of I-94 Business Loop (Huron Drive) and Third/Chapin Street in downtown Ann Arbor. A HAWK, or High-intensity Activated crossWalk, signal is the first of its kind to be installed on a state trunkline in Michigan.

Following formal comments, state and city officials will join members of the community in a first-ever HAWK walk across the intersection to mark the installation of the new signal.

WHO: MDOT officials
City of Ann Arbor officials
Washtenaw County Road Commission representatives
Community representatives
General public

WHEN: Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010
1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Ann Arbor YMCA
400 West Washington St., Ann Arbor

BACKGROUND: A HAWK signal provides a protected pedestrian crossing as a way to increase safety. A person wishing to cross the street pushes a button to activate the signal, which then goes through a series of yellow and red sequences, requiring motorists to stop for pedestrians. When the HAWK signal goes dark, motorists can continue through the intersection until it is activated again.

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