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For example, a request is received for a flashing beacon above a busy, unsignalized intersection crossed by children on their way to and from school. The traffic engineering investigation reveals that:

1. About 30 children cross the intersection during a fifteen minute period both in the morning and afternoon.
2. There is no safe route to school plan for the area.
3. There is no pedestrian safety program or crossing guard assigned to that area.

If a flashing beacon were installed under these conditions, the following result can be anticipated:

- The flasher will become part of the normal driving environment and be ignored because children are not always present.
- The flasher may make pedestrians feel safer when, in actual fact, the flasher is providing little or no safety benefits.
- Other justified flashers will also be ignored by motorists.

Other alternatives which might be considered include the following:

- Establishing a safe route to school plan to avoid pedestrians crossing at uncontrolled locations.
- The School District assigns crossing guards to provide assistance to school age pedestrians crossing the street.

**IF A FLASHING BEACON IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT, WHAT IS?**

Contact the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department and request an investigation into the situation. Ask about other forms of traffic control that might apply.

It is the utmost importance that flashing beacons be kept to a minimum if a high degree of respect is to be maintained for flashers that are truly needed.

**REQUESTS AND INQUIRES**

If you have any questions, requests or suggestions concerning crosswalks or traffic in general, please call the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department at (760) 337-5182 or submit your request via the Online Request for City Service Form.