



## City of Oakland Pedestrian Countdown Signals FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Why install the new pedestrian countdown signal devices?**

The countdown signal is very popular in cities throughout the Bay Area. With the information about the time remaining to cross a street, pedestrians can make real-time decisions that can help prevent conflicts with motor vehicles.

### **How many devices are being installed, and where will they be located?**

Countdown devices are being installed at 55 locations throughout the City.

### **How were the locations selected?**

Locations were selected based on high number of accidents involving pedestrians in the last five (5) years. Some locations near City Hall were selected because of the large volume of pedestrian activity throughout the day.

### **Why doesn't the City install these everywhere?**

The City is currently installing the devices where there are a high number of accidents involving pedestrians. The City will install additional countdown signal devices as funds become available. In addition, all new traffic signal standards will include pedestrian countdown signals.

### **How are the new signals being funded?**

The project is funded by a grant from the State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) and with matching funds from the City's Measure B transportation sales tax allocation. The OTS grant also allowed the City to produce multi-lingual brochures to improve user understanding of the device.

