

Accessible Pedestrian Signals

When pedestrians enter an intersection, they will notice key features that help the visually impaired. Accessible pedestrian signals (APS) provide information in non-visual format such as audible messages and/or vibrating surfaces to assist pedestrians crossing intersections.

Pushbutton locator tones are installed at these signals which make a beeping sound that is heard at a maximum distance of 12 feet for pedestrians to find the pushbuttons. When the visual WALK sign is turned on, speech messages state the street name, as in "El Norte Parkway, Walk sign is on to cross El Norte Parkway". The audible walk indication follows with an additional beeping sound and will be heard the entire time the visual Walk or 'walking man' symbol is displayed.