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Mr. Wayne Henley
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Dear Mr. Henley:

Thank you for your October 28 letter requesting approval to use the flashing yellow arrow display for permissive left turns on a blanket basis statewide in California, including State highways and all local jurisdictions' roadways. Your request is made under the provisions of Section 1A.10 of the 2003 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and our Interim Approval memorandum IA-10 dated March 20, 2006.

Your request is approved. Please develop and periodically update a list of all locations where flashing yellow arrows for permissive left turns are installed in California. Local jurisdictions in California who install flashing yellow arrow displays under this Interim Approval should inform your office of such installations so you can maintain a comprehensive list of locations. Your specific approval has been numbered "IA-10-55 Flashing Yellow Arrow – California statewide." Please reference this number in any future correspondence.

Thank you for your interest in improving traffic signal operations. If we can be of further assistance on this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Scott Wainwright by e-mail at **scott.wainwright@dot.gov** or by telephone at 202-366-0857.

Sincerely yours,

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October 28, 2008

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Dear Mr. Arnold:

As per the provisions of Section 1A.10 of the 2003 edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Interim Approval process, the California Department of Transportation hereby requests approval for Optional Use of Flashing Yellow Arrow for Permissive Left Turns on a blanket basis statewide, including all local jurisdictions within California:

We understand that if approval is granted, in accordance with Section 1A.10, any local jurisdiction using these devices under this statewide interim approval is required to inform (Wayne Henley, Chief, Office of Sign, Markings and External Support) the California Department of Transportation of such use. Also, they must agree to terminate the use if it becomes apparent that there are significant safety concerns.

In addition, California jurisdictions using the FYA under this Interim Approval are encouraged to conduct field observations and surveys to ascertain drivers understanding of the Steady Yellow Arrow indication used in the termination of the permissive Left Turn phase. If field observations and/or surveys indicate confusion in understanding of this signal indication, they should bring it to the attention of the California Traffic Control Devices Committee.

The Department of Transportation will be following up with a research study to validate the safety and operational characteristics of some of the installations of these systems.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 654-6246 or via e-mail wayne_henley@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Wayne Henley

WAYNE HENLEY, Chief
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