If you’ve driven, walked, or rolled along San Pablo Avenue recently, you may have noticed a new type of traffic signal at the Eureka Avenue intersection. Installed by Caltrans, the signal is called a “Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon” or PHB, and is a special type of traffic signal that reduces pedestrian-vehicle conflicts on busy roadways, while allowing vehicle traffic to flow unimpeded when pedestrians aren’t using the crosswalk.

Here’s how it works.
DRIVERS
Pedestrian hybrid beacons can be activated any time, day or night. Pay attention and always be prepared to stop for pedestrians.

- **Proceed with caution**
- **Slow Down** Pedestrian has activated the PHB
- **Prepare to Stop**
- **STOP!** Pedestrian in crosswalk
- **STOP!** Proceed with caution if clear
- **Proceed if clear**

PEDESTRIANS
PHBs will make it safer to cross busy thoroughfares, but pedestrians must always be vigilant. Pay attention and make certain that traffic is stopped before you proceed.

- **Push button to cross**
- **Wait to cross**
- **Wait for traffic to stop**
- **Start crossing after traffic stops**
- **COUNTDOWN** Continue if in crosswalk. If not, don’t start.
- **Push button to cross**

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