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Dearborn installing money-saving, energy-efficient LED traffic signals

DEARBORN, Mich. – The City of Dearborn is saving taxpayers dollars and reducing energy use, thanks to its ongoing retro-fit installation of a series of light-emitting diode (LED) traffic signals.

Some of the LED signals are already in place; others will be installed during future routine traffic signal maintenance activities. The LED units will reduce the amount and cost of the electricity used for the city's traffic signals by 90 percent when the project is complete. After accounting for the cost of the LED equipment, the units are expected to pay for themselves in less than four years.

Drivers can see the LED signals in action now at several intersections around Dearborn, such as: Schaefer and Bryan, Chase and Colson, Military and Newman/West Village, Monroe and West Village and along Ford Road from Oakman to Mercury Drive (as part of an ongoing Michigan Department of Transportation project to improve Ford Road).

These sites also feature LED countdown pedestrian signals, which provide those crossing the street on foot or bicycle with a visual numbered countdown of the seconds left before the "don't walk" signal starts to flash.

LED signals will be installed at numerous other intersections as the project is completed.

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