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## **City to Improve Left Turns** *Signal improvements at 23 intersections*

**Casper, Wyoming (October 31, 2016)** – On Monday, October 24, crews began work to replace existing 5-section left-turn signal heads with new 4-section left-turn heads. A total of 56 signals will be replaced at twenty-three intersections throughout Casper.

The five busiest intersections to be improved are 12<sup>th</sup> and Beverly, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Beverly, 12<sup>th</sup> and McKinley, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Walsh, and Center and Collins. Crews will be working during off-peak traffic hours at these intersections. The signal change is part of the recommendations made in Casper's recent traffic study conducted by KLJ Engineering.

The current, 5-section left-turn heads allow for left turns at the beginning of the traffic cycle, turns are halted, and then through-traffic is allowed. The new, 4-section left-turn heads will flash yellow at the beginning of the cycle while allowing through-traffic to flow. At the end of the cycle, through-traffic is halted and, if vehicles are in the left-turn lane, the left-turn arrow will turn green allowing for turns. The new lights will provide more safety and flexibility in time of day operations at the intersections.

The \$64,546 project was awarded to Modern Electric Company. The project is being funded by Optional One Cent funds.

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