

Beaufort County, South Carolina
General Announcement

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Changes Coming to Traffic Signal Patterns Along US 278

Beginning as early as Wednesday, May 2, motorists can expect to see changes to the traffic signal patterns along US 278 Fording Island Road between its intersection with SC 170 Okatie Highway and the Hilton Head Island bridges. Beaufort County is implementing these changes, which will take several days to complete and include revisions to the dedicated left turn signals, to improve overall traffic flow along US 278, especially during rush hours.

Currently, drivers making left turns on US 278 receive a green left turn arrow allowing them to make their turn before adjacent through lanes can proceed. This is known as a “leading” left-turn. This sequence will be changed at some intersections to have a “lagging” left-turn, where the green arrow is displayed after the through lanes proceed.

Drivers can expect to see a mix of “leading” and “lagging” left-turn arrows along US 278 that will vary not only by intersection but also by time of day. This means that any given left-turn arrow may not only “lead” during one part of the day and “lag” during another, but also “lead” for one direction of traffic and “lag” for the other.

Drivers are encouraged to pay close attention to the signal heads and use caution before entering each intersection, until they are accustomed to these changes.

For more information, contact the Beaufort County [Traffic and Transportation Engineering Division](#) at 843-255-2940.

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