

# Pioneering HAWK Crossings

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ADOT, and  
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for which the HAWK pedestrian  
crossing beacon  
could have not been developed

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HAWK is truly a team effort



Tucson, Home of the HAWK crossing





## Painting Crosswalks



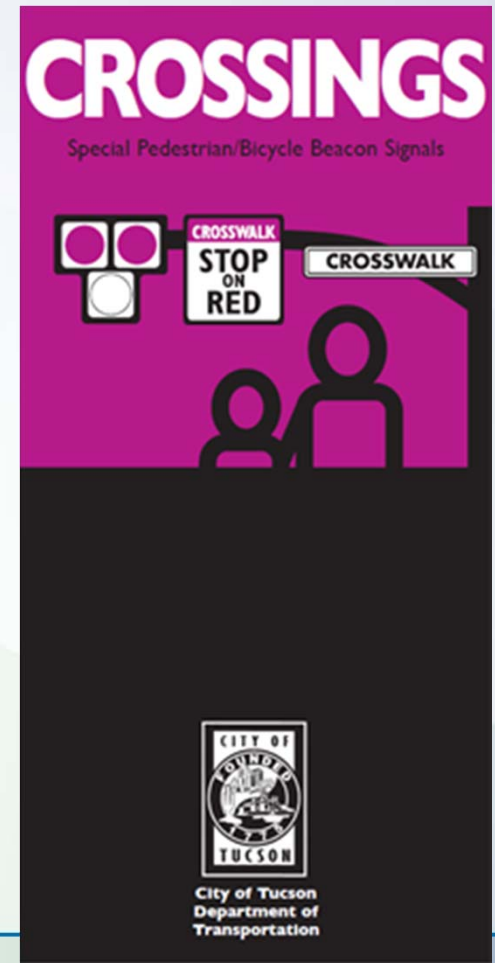
## Driver's Still Behaving Badly Today

**ADOT**



HAWK began under the  
City of Tucson program:  
**“WATCHING OVER  
THE PEDESTRIAN  
LIKE A HAWK”**

The goal was:  
**EVERYONE GETS  
HOME SAFE AND  
SOUND!**





**Agencies Working Together**  
Process of Innovation was as  
important as the end product.  
Tucson could not have done it  
alone without the support of  
**PAG, ADOT and FHWA**  
(TTI Research and Permission  
to Experiment)

# Safe crossings for the most vulnerable users



One of the first HAWK  
installations in Tucson and  
the U.S., was on Ajo Way  
(SR 89) at the school  
crossing for  
Hollinger Elementary  
School.

...a child was brushed  
against and knocked down  
by a car passing stopped  
cars in a school crossing.

Fortunately, the child was  
not injured



However, the parents and  
a State Senator wanted an

# OVERPASS

built by ADOT  
immediately, to protect the  
children crossing the State  
Highway.

The City of Tucson and  
ADOT - Tucson District  
worked together and the  
HAWK was installed  
shortly thereafter to help  
protect the children



**Remember our MAIN GOAL: Everyone Gets Home Safe & Sound**  
ADOT & City of Tucson providing for the children's crossing safety ever since the early 2000's, build by joint maintenance forces, City & ADOT District

# HAWK Safety FHWA & University Research

Federal Highway Administration, Texas Transportation Institute  
Study released in 2010 on the Tucson HAWKs found:

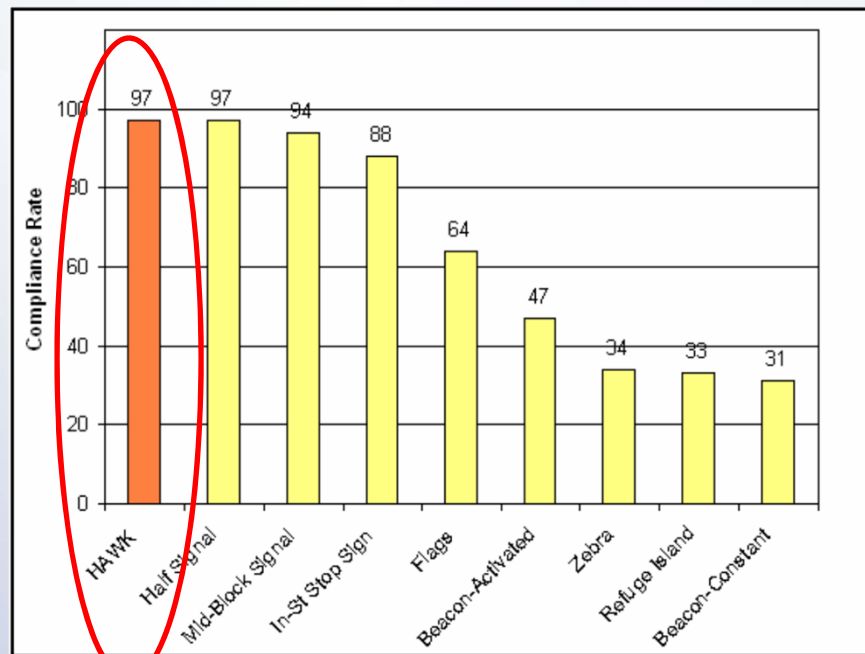
- **69%** reduction in pedestrian crashes
- **29 %** reduction in total crashes
- **21%** reduction in severe crashes



# High Driver and Pedestrian Compliance

97% by Drivers TTI 2010

95% by Pedestrians PAG 2013



Driver Compliance Rates for Different Crossing Treatments from Fitzpatrick et al. 2006

Source: RANJIT PRASAD GODAVARTHY Masters Thesis, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY Manhattan, Kansas 2010

# HAWKs are now nationally recommended FHWA best practice and “Proven Safety Countermeasure”



ADOT knows their value  
and prepared a policy  
based upon the Tucson  
regional experience and is  
already in substantial  
conformance with the **next**  
edition of the MUTCD

PAG saw their value and included a special section in their Regional Transportation Authority sales tax that was passed by the voters in 2006





Pedestrian crossing safety became a specific part of the funding program for the region.

Many of the HAWK projects are being completed in the early part of the program to improve pedestrian safety

# Our Mobility

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200 Intersection improvements, 123 completed  
80 Improved pedestrian crossings, 46 completed  
200 New bus pullouts, 63 completed



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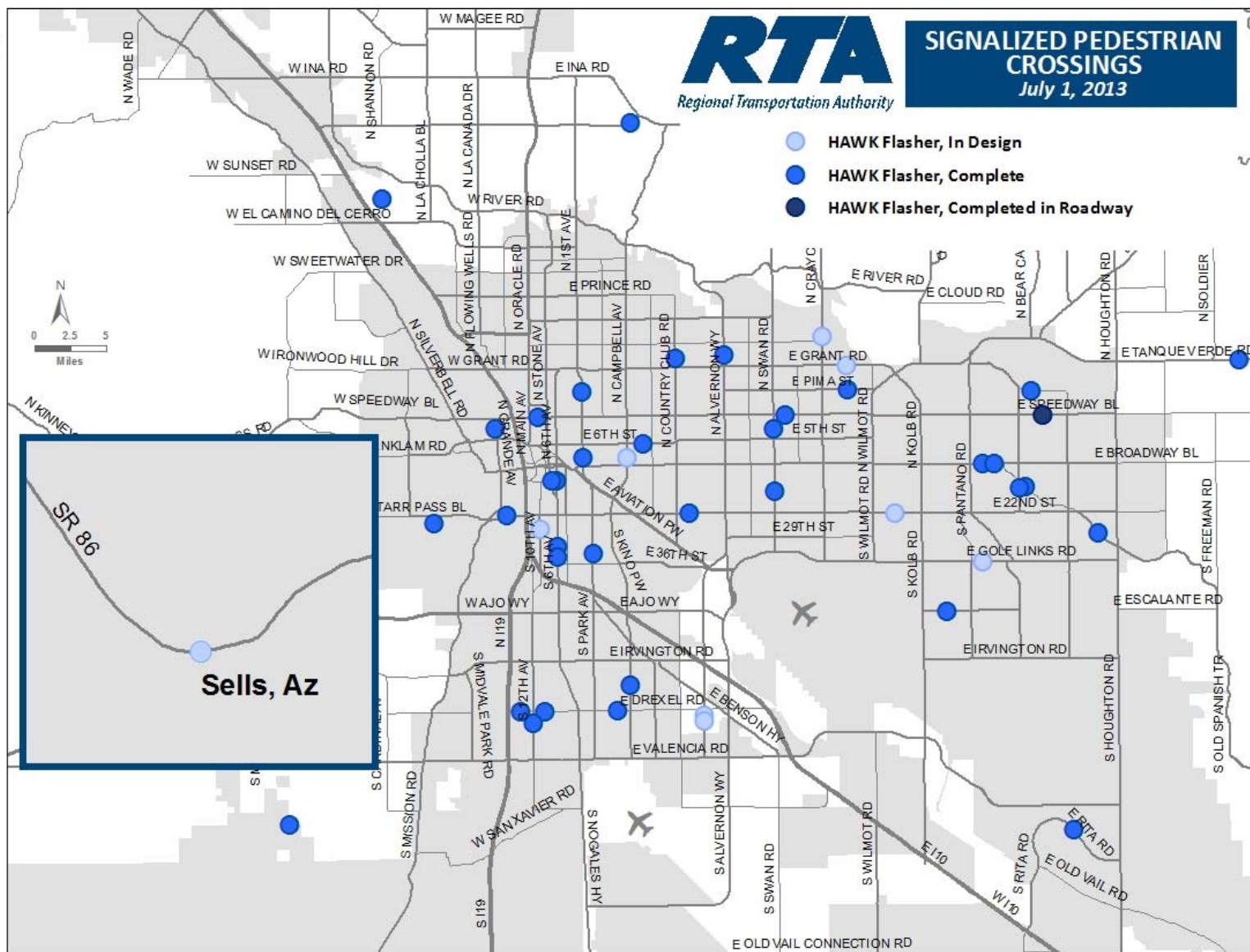
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## SIGNALIZED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS





# PAG & City of Tucson Innovation is not stopping here ...



# Facilitating Cyclists Crossings at HAWKs with **BikeHAWKs**





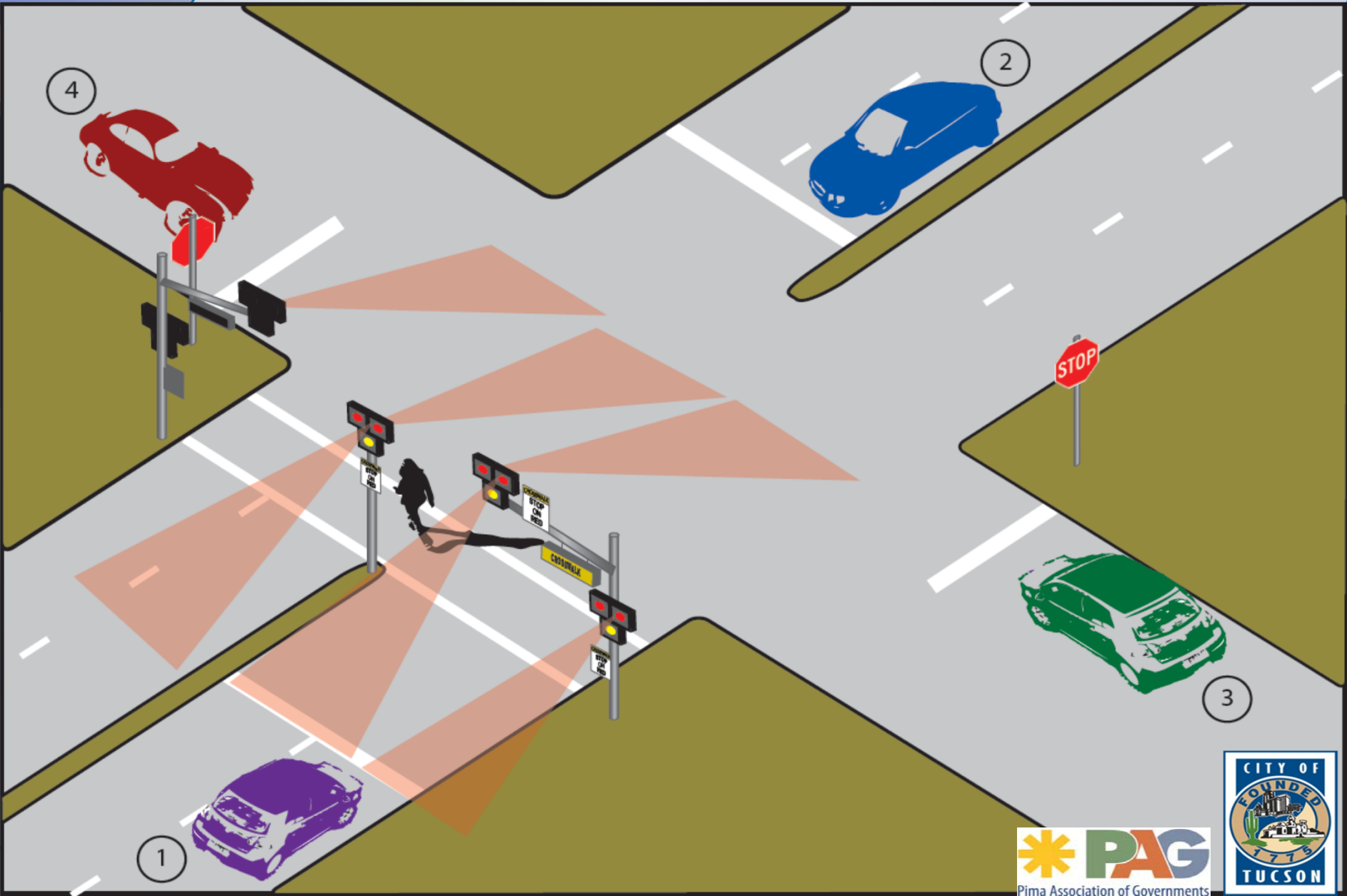
# BikeHAWK



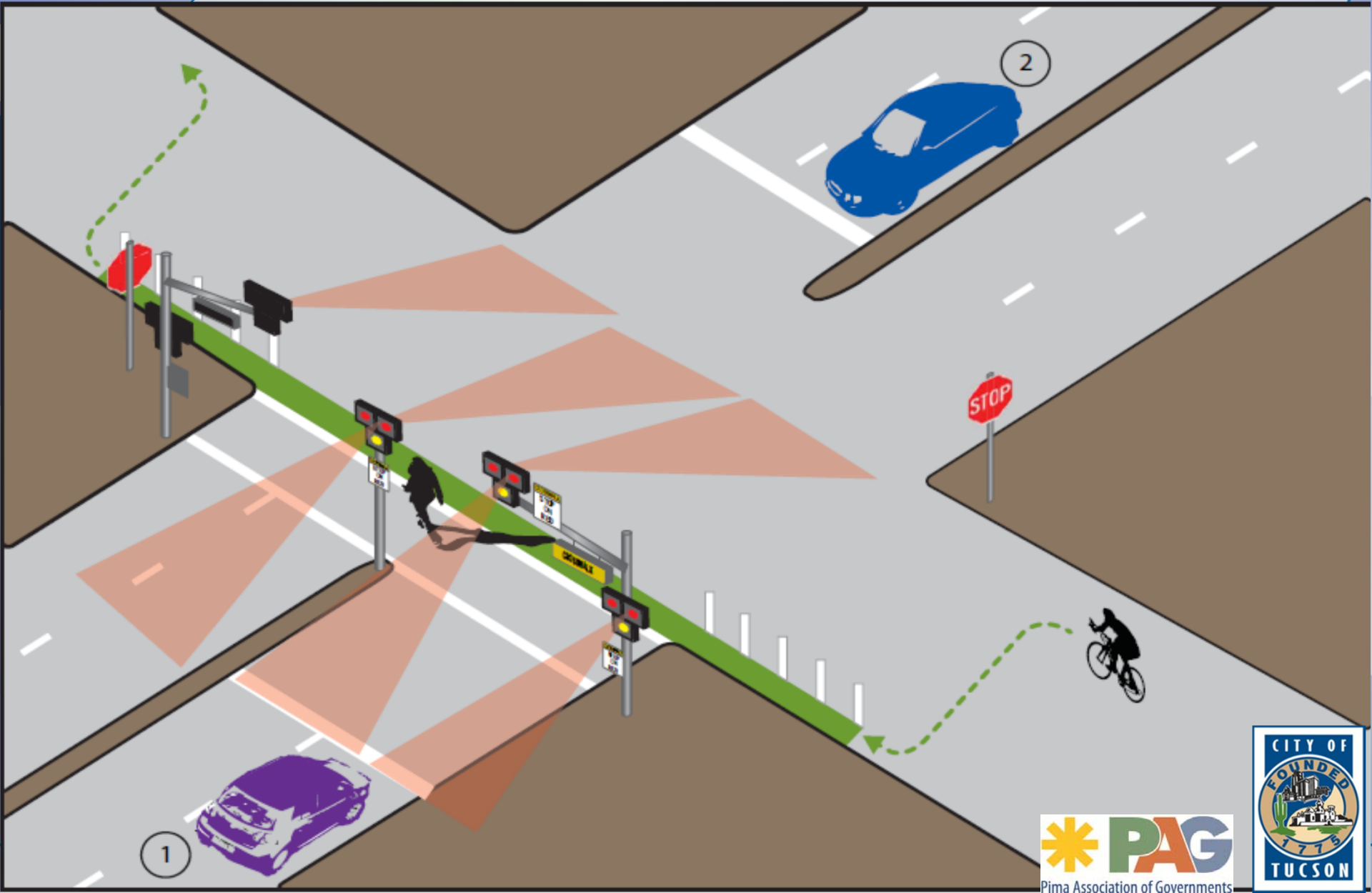
- MUTCD TCDs already approved/I.A.
- Being included in FHWA's BIKESAFE as optional countermeasure
- Does not attract neighborhood cut-thru traffic like a traffic signal
- **Cyclists already using the HAWKs**  
*(design matches cyclists behavior)*



# HAWK



# BikeHAWK





## Green Bike Lane for Safety





“The **BikeHAWK** helps unite neighborhoods and connect destinations for all modes of safe travel. Already, we’ve seen families and younger riders, both escorted and unescorted, using the **BikeHAWK**. This use emphasizes the safe connectivity of all levels of bicyclists across multi-lane, high speed roadways.”



Emily Yetman,  
Executive Director, Living Streets Alliance

“We have monitored the **BikeHAWK** and observed that the pedestrians, cyclists and drivers know what to do naturally and the crossing movements are very safe, legal and predictable.”

–Sergeant Jerry Skeenes,  
Tucson Police Department,  
Traffic Enforcement Division



# Positive coverage by media



**“I feel safer now that they have put these lights in.”**

Jocellyn Mora told KGUN 9 -- On Your Side

# BikeHAWK Safety and Usage

- 96% riders use the BikeHAWKs
- 100 % young riders/families use the BikeHAWKs
- 48% of the crossing riders are female (which are 28% of the riding population)
- 97% Driver Compliance
- Easy adaption to the existing HAWK



# Everyone Gets Home Safe and Sound

