

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch**

**STANDARD PRACTICE
for
Part Time Traffic Signals**

It will be the standard practice of NCDOT, to operate traffic signals in a steady (stop and go) mode at all times except during periods of traffic signal equipment malfunctions or for programmed late night flashing operation during off-peak, over night hours based on engineering judgement. This is in conformance with the 2003 Edition Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Section 4D.

CRITERIA

- All traffic signals installed by NCDOT will be operated in a steady (stop and go) mode at all times except during periods of traffic signal equipment malfunction or programmed late night flashing operation. This is in conformance with the 2003 Edition Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Section 4D.
- This practice is not meant to prohibit the flashing operation of a traffic signal as an interim measure such as prior to the removal of an unwarranted signal or at new installations prior to full signal turn on.
- This practice is not meant to prohibit the use of a temporary traffic signal in which the green display is held for an extended time on the main street while the minor street is held in red such as may be required for a construction access haul road.

Note: For additional information regarding operating times for traffic signal see TEPLL Topic # T-59 "Traffic Signal-Flashing Operation"