Countdown Pedestrian Signals

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What are countdown pedestrian signals?
They are regular pedestrian signals with the normal shapes (Walking Man and Solid Hand) that have an added display showing the number of seconds left to safely finish crossing the street.

Where are they being used?
Countdown pedestrian signals are the Florida Department of Transportation’s standard pedestrian signal used on the State Highway System.

How do they work?
The same as regular pedestrian signals except with an added countdown display to help you understand how many seconds you have to safely finish crossing the street. The countdown time shown is based on walking speed and crossing distance. For instance, a six-lane roadway would have a longer countdown period than a four-lane roadway. The countdown period starts at the beginning of the DON’T START (Flashing Hand) and ends with a zero and a DON’T WALK (Solid Hand) display.

What are the benefits?
Countdown pedestrian signals are easily understood by all age groups; they increase the feeling of safety; reduce the number of pedestrians stranded in the crosswalk when the signal changes; and are well suited for wide crossings and areas with large numbers of older adults.