FULTON COUNTY SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY UPGRADES

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

- The Public Works Department recently completed an upgrade for all school zones in South Fulton County. The department's primary focus was on safety, operations, maintenance of traffic control devices and responsiveness to requests.
- The upgrades included school zone flashers, rapid flashing beacons, pavement markings, signs and ADA compliance.
- Ø Upgrades were scheduled for a total of 24 schools that included elementary, middle and high schools.

PROJECT OVERVIEW continued

An inventory of existing school zones was conducted and previous maintenance data reviewed to determine the type of upgrades.

- **Ø** The Department opted for the following:
 - Solar powered school zone flashers and rapid flashing beacons to be used instead of electrical powered units.
 - Real-time remote monitoring, trouble shooting and reporting capabilities for each device without the use of specialized software or equipment.
 - All school zone signage would be upgraded to fluorescent yellow green.
 - In-house personnel would be used for design and construction.

PROJECT SCOPE

- Ø Installation of 46 Solar powered school zone flashers.
- Ø Installation of 12 Rapid Flashing Beacons.
- Ø 216 signs to be fabricated and installed.
- 2 crews, consisting of 2 personnel each would be used for construction
- Project to be completed during the school system's summer break



Sign Fabrication





In-house installation



Solar Powered Signal



ADA Ramps



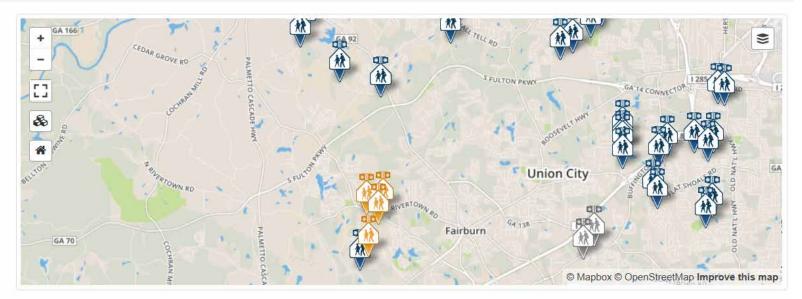
Rapid Flashing Beacons installed on walk routes



Pavement markings

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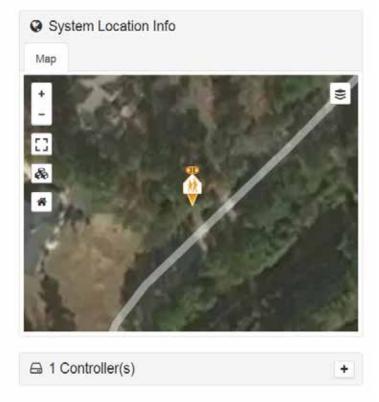


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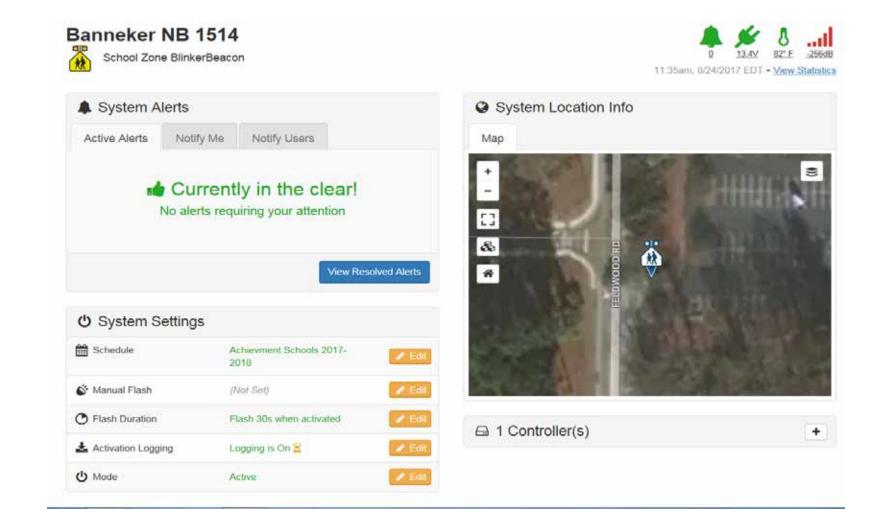


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PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Ø** Standardized equipment throughout all School Zones.
- Improved visibility and conformance for the new traffic control devices in the school zones.
- Ø Remote monitoring, trouble shooting and emergency override.
- Ø Reduced operations and maintenance costs:
 - \$12,000 annual savings for electrical services
 - Number of preventative maintenance inspections was reduced from 8 to 1 per year
 - Preventative maintenance costs were reduced from \$26,088 to \$2,832 annually
 - **Ø** Technology sharing with other municipalities.
 - Total project cost \$221,750.

