If PAPIs are flashing, prepare for a possible go-around!

Flashing PAPIs indicate runway is occupied.
Remember: a steady PAPI signal does not constitute clearance to land!

~500 ft
Acquisition Point
Look for traffic on runway

~300 ft
Contact Point
Contact ATC if traffic is not acquired

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RELs, THLs, and FAROS turn on and off automatically, driven by multi-sensor surveillance.
RELs turn on when it is unsafe to cross a runway; RELs are visible from taxi hold positions.
THLs turn on when it is unsafe to depart from the runway; THLs are visible from takeoff hold position (and final approach).
FAROS turns on when a runway is occupied and unsafe to land; FAROS is visible on final approach as flashing PAPIs.

FAROS: Final Approach Runway Occupancy Signal
REL: Runway Entrance Lights
THL: Takeoff Hold Lights
Transponder Multilateration
Approach Radar (ASR)

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