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FIRST PEDESTRIAN COUNTDOWN TIMERS COME TO LAKE OSWEGO

LAKE OSWEGO – This week, the City of Lake Oswego, in cooperation with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), will equip a total of 12 signalized intersections with countdown pedestrian signals along State Street (Highway 43).



The pedestrian countdown signals are the same size as the existing pedestrian signal head, but feature a dual display - the traditional "Walking Man" and "Hand" display, and a pedestrian interval countdown display. The countdown feature is programmed to start at the beginning of the "flashing hand" cycle and end when the flashing hand becomes steady.

The intent is for pedestrians to see the timer and stay on the curb when the countdown is nearing zero. Countdown timers have been tested and used in other communities around the nation. They have proven to effectively reduce pedestrian collisions and increase compliance with the signals and are particularly useful for pedestrian crossings across wide streets.

Intersections prioritized to receive the countdown timers are:

State and B	State and North Shore Road
State and A	State and Wilbur Street
State and Foothills Road	State and McVey Avenue

The City of Lake Oswego has purchased the devices and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will install and maintain them. The City will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the Pedestrian Countdown Timers, and based on the success and reception, other signalized intersections with wide crosswalks may be equipped with similar devices in the future. To register a comment, contact the City Traffic Engineering Section at 503-635-0270.

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