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### **NEW SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS INSTALLED AT SCHOOL CROSSING**

LAKE OSWEGO - New lights and signage have been installed on Country Club Road to enhance awareness of the crosswalk between Lake Oswego High School and Lake Oswego Junior High. The flashing amber beacons will be activated and functional beginning with the first day of school on September 6.

When activated, the flashing lights will alert motorists to the times when the speed limit is reduced to 20 miles per hour. The lights are programmed to operate on school days from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and during special events like football games. The sign below the light indicates "Speed limit 20 MPH when flashing." When the lights are off, the posted speed of 40 miles per hour applies.

After hearing public testimony from residents, parents, and school faculty, Council approved the purchase and installation of the new safety enhancements in June. Although there have been no pedestrian related accidents in the crosswalk, a student was hit and injured in March of this year while crossing through traffic outside of the intersection.

The new traffic control devices supplement several other protections already in place. Currently at this intersection, there are traffic signals and signage, a designated crosswalk, a VCalm speed monitoring device, and new "SCHOOL XING" reflective pavement markings on each approach to the crosswalk. The number of students using the crosswalk will be lower this year since construction at Lake Oswego High School is substantially complete.