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MEDIA RELEASE

To: Valley Media Agencies

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Subject: **2018 - 2019 Oregon Impact PSE Grant Award Release & Public Service Announcement**

The Silverton Police Department was awarded a pedestrian safety enforcement grant through Oregon Impact. The city has had several pedestrian related crashes or near misses recently. As an effort to reduce those occurrences, officers will be conducting crosswalk enforcement during the upcoming months.

The enforcement will use officers and citizen volunteers who will cross streets at crosswalk locations throughout the city watching for violations. Signs will be posted in advance to notify the community of our education and enforcement operations.

Oregon law requires all drivers to stop for pedestrians who are crossing the street in a marked or unmarked crosswalk. Drivers are required to stop if a pedestrian is either in the lane in which the driver's vehicle is traveling or in a lane adjacent to the lane in which the driver's vehicle is traveling. Marked crosswalks at or between intersections are recognized by solid or dashed white lines. Oregon law also states that every intersection should be considered to have a crosswalk, whether marked or not. Additionally, a vehicle may not legally pass another vehicle that is stopped at a marked or unmarked crosswalk for a pedestrian. Failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk and passing a stopped vehicle at a crosswalk are class B violations and carry a fine of \$265.

See attached PSA regarding pedestrian responsibilities.

Working in a proactive partnership with our community to solve problems and enhance the quality of life for our citizens.



Memorandum

Public Service Announcement – November 19, 2018

Pedestrian Crosswalk Laws and Responsibilities

Silverton Police Department's has upcoming enforcement operations for pedestrian safety after obtaining a small traffic safety grant. As part of this safety campaign we want to remind pedestrians of their responsibility to follow the laws specific to pedestrians.

Oregon law requires pedestrians to yield (not start crossing) for vehicles already traveling on the roadway that might not be able to stop in time. Pedestrians must not suddenly leave the curb or other place of safety and move into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard. There is no "J" walking ordinance in Silverton, however pedestrians must yield right of way to a vehicle if they cross the roadway (mid-block) at any point other than within a marked or unmarked crosswalk (which is at an intersection).

814.040 Failure to yield to vehicle

(1) A pedestrian commits the offense of pedestrian failure to yield to a vehicle if the pedestrian does any of the following:

(a) Suddenly leaves a curb or other place of safety and moves into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(b) Fails to yield the right of way to a vehicle upon a roadway when the pedestrian is crossing the roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection.

(c) Except as otherwise provided under the vehicle code, fails to yield the right of way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

(2) The offense described in this section, pedestrian failure to yield to a vehicle, is a Class D traffic violation. [1983 c.338 §555; 1995 c.383 §84]

Lastly, pedestrians commit the offense failure to obey a traffic control device if they begin crossing a signalized intersection which has a pedestrian sign showing a "Wait" or "Don't Walk" or any other symbol indicating the pedestrian may not proceed.

814.020 Failure to obey traffic control device

(1) A pedestrian commits the offense of pedestrian failure to obey traffic control devices if the pedestrian does any of the following:

(a) Fails to obey any traffic control device specifically applicable to the pedestrian.

(b) Fails to obey any specific traffic control device described in ORS 814.010 (Appropriate responses to traffic control devices) in the manner required by that section.

(2) A pedestrian is not subject to the requirements of this section if the pedestrian complies with directions of a police officer.

(3) The offense described in this section, pedestrian failure to obey traffic control devices, is a Class D traffic violation. [1983 c.338 §552; 1995 c.383 §82]

814.010 Appropriate responses to traffic control devices

This section establishes appropriate pedestrian responses to specific traffic control devices for purposes of ORS 814.020 (Failure to obey traffic control device). Authority to place traffic control devices is established under ORS 810.210 (Placement and control of traffic control devices). Except when acting under the direction of a police officer, a pedestrian is in violation of ORS 814.020 (Failure to obey traffic control device) if the pedestrian makes a response to a traffic control device that is not permitted under the following:

(1) A pedestrian facing a traffic control device with a green light may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk unless prohibited from doing so by other traffic control devices.

(2) A pedestrian facing a traffic control device with a green arrow signal light may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk unless prohibited from doing so by other traffic control devices.

(3) A pedestrian facing a traffic control device with a steady yellow light shall not enter the roadway unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal.

(4) A pedestrian facing a traffic control device with a steady red light shall not enter the roadway unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal.

(5) If a traffic control device is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section are applicable.

(6) When a pedestrian control signal showing the words "Walk" and "Wait" or "Don't Walk" or any other pedestrian symbol approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission under ORS 810.200 (Uniform standards for traffic control devices) and 810.210 (Placement and control of traffic control devices) for the purpose of controlling pedestrian crossing is in place, the signal indicates and applies as follows:

(a) If a pedestrian is facing a "Walk" signal or other symbol approved under ORS 810.200 (Uniform standards for traffic control devices) and 810.210 (Placement and control of traffic control devices) indicating that the pedestrian may proceed, the pedestrian may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal.

(b) A pedestrian shall not start to cross the roadway in the direction of a signal showing a "Wait" or "Don't Walk" or any other symbol approved under ORS 810.200 (Uniform standards for traffic control devices) and 810.210 (Placement and control of traffic control devices) indicating that the pedestrian may not proceed. A pedestrian who has started crossing a roadway on a signal showing "Walk" or any other approved symbol to proceed shall proceed with dispatch to a sidewalk or safety island while a signal is showing "Wait" or "Don't Walk" or any other approved symbol indicating not to proceed. [1983 c.338 §553; 1985 c.16 §282]

If you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact us directly at the office 503-873-5326.