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**New pedestrian crossing is geared toward the safety of school students**



The City of Norfolk has installed a new pedestrian crossing at 6<sup>th</sup> and Pasewalk. The crossing uses a new signaling system called Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon (RRFB). The Federal Highway Administration did an analysis of the effectiveness of RRFB and found an increase from 18 percent with typical warning signs, to 88 percent when RRFB was used on both sides of the street. The Federal Highway Administration also evaluated the sites over a 1-year period, and found that there was little to no decrease in yielding behavior over time.

Kirk Lee, *Street Division Electronic Specialist*, makes the final adjustment for the new pedestrian crossing at the 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Pasewalk intersection.

The crossing can be activated with manual push-buttons or will activate automatically with passive infrared detection. The crossing sign will not flash until activated.

The cost of the project was approximately \$8,000 for purchase and installation of the two units. This cost includes the labor which was done by the Street Division Staff.

