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New sign alerts pedestrians to rail crossing danger



RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The city began installing a new sign today warning pedestrians to look in both directions at railroad crossings.

The first set of signs was installed at the Jackson Street crossing near Arlington High School where a student was killed last month while crossing the rails on his way to school.

The 36-inch-wide sign, to be installed at 25 railroad crossings in the city, has been specifically designed by the city's public works department for pedestrians and will face all four approaches to the crossing. Railroad crossing arms already come down automatically to block vehicle traffic.

"We must always be vigilant with our children," said Ward 5 City Councilmember Chris Mac Arthur. "However, we must also continue to look for enhancements to public safety. We are adding additional warning signs and lights, temporarily reallocating a crossing guard and augmenting existing railroad safety educational programs in our schools. We are very committed to this."

All signs will be installed before the end of summer, public works officials said.

Steve Bell (left) and David Garcia of the city's public works department install the first of the new pedestrian warning signs. (Photo by Austin Carter)

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