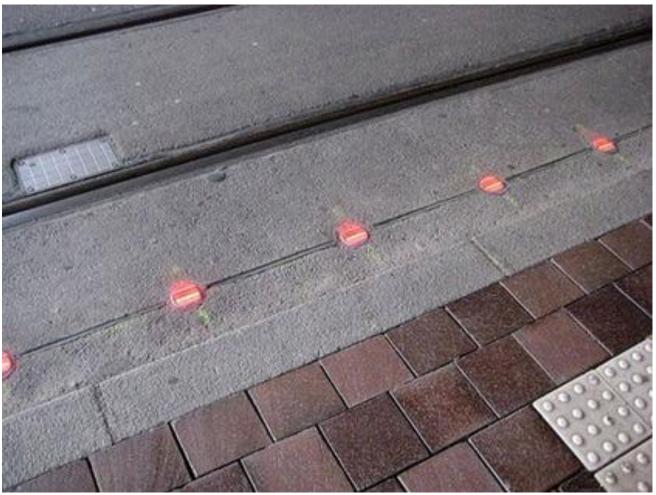
German city installs traffic lights in ground for text-walkers

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LED lights embedded into a walkway is pictured in this handout photo. While some cities debate a ban on walking and texting, a city in Germany has decided to just roll with the trend and install street lights on the ground, for those strolling into traffic with their heads down. Handout/Postmedia Network

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Authorities in Augsburg reportedly allowed for the installations after throwing their hands up in frustration trying to alert the public to the dangers of wandering into traffic with their noses in their phones.

After a pair of pedestrians were hit by streetcars recently, the city embedded into the sidewalk flashing red and green lights at two transit stops.

"I think it makes sense," one man told <u>the Augsburger Allgemeine</u>. "One always sees young people these days running over red lights. This makes it more obvious that you need to stop."