

Downtown De La Vina Street Safe Crosswalks and Buffered Bike Lanes Project Nears Completion

To address repeat collision patterns, the Downtown De La Vina Street Safe Crosswalks and Buffered Bike Lanes Project reconfigures the right of way to enhance safety at intersections from Carrillo to Haley Streets and adds a buffered bike lane and corridor lighting.

The Downtown De La Vina Street Safe Crosswalks and Buffered Bike Lanes Project (Project) is a Vision Zero capital safety improvement project that complements the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans. Vision Zero is the City's goal to eliminate serious and fatal injuries caused by traffic collisions on city streets. About 77% of serious and fatal injuries resulting from traffic collisions happen on just 19% of City streets, so focusing on streets like De La Vina is the most strategic way to get to zero. In 2018, Council authorized staff to submit the Project for an Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant with Caltrans. That grant was successful, and the City was awarded \$1.3 million for the design and construction of this Project.

The Project adds high visibility crosswalks and curb extensions to improve sight lines and reduce pedestrian exposure to traffic by reducing crossing distance and reducing vehicle turning speeds. The added buffered bike lane removes the two-lane roadway configuration, thus eliminating the double threat condition for pedestrians (one driver stops for a pedestrian, the driver in the next lane does not). New corridor lighting improves safety at night.

There are enhancements coming soon in the second phase of this Project along Haley Street between De La Vina and Chapala Street with a new protected bike lane connecting cyclists from West Downtown to Downtown and Eastside. There will also be safety enhancements at the intersection of Chapala and Haley Streets.



Safety enhancements include high visibility crossings, ADA compliant curb extensions, and the addition of a buffered bike lane.