



**Safe Routes
to School**

DRAFT Salinas Safe Routes to Schools Plan

October 5th, 2022



COUNTY OF MONTEREY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT



What We'll Cover

I. Plan overview & timeline
II. Vision and goals
III. Public outreach
IV. Recommendations overview
V. Project evaluation
VI. Plan implementation & next steps



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I. Plan Overview

- 45 schools in Salinas
- 2020 – 2022
- Funded by Caltrans Planning Grant & Measure X
- Partnership between TAMC, MCHD, Ecology Action, City, and 4 school districts



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**SAFE ROUTES TO
SCHOOLS PLAN**

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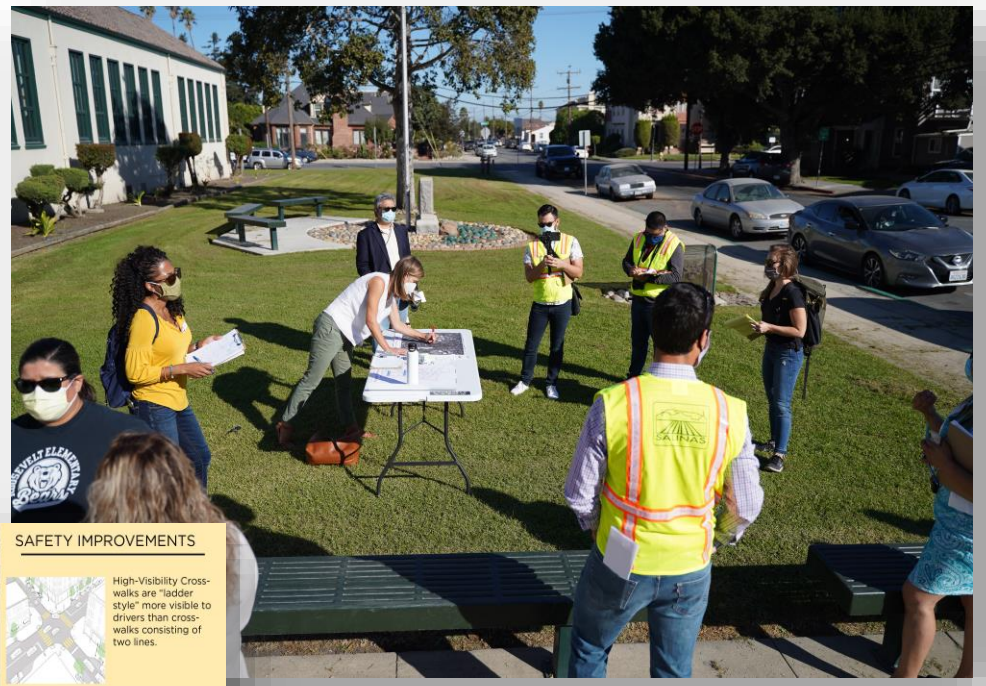
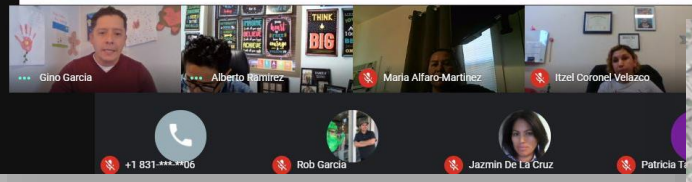


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Junta Comunitaria Virtual / Community Virtual Meeting
Salinas, Ca



SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

- High-Visibility Crosswalks are "ladder style" more visible to drivers than crosswalks consisting of two lines.
- Curb Extensions are installed at intersections or mid-block crosswalks to shorten the crossing distance for people walking and make them more visible to people driving.
- Traffic Circles are small roundabouts installed on neighborhood streets to slow traffic and create a safer and more comfortable environment for people walking and biking.
- Leading Pedestrian interval allows pedestrians to cross an intersection a few seconds before cars are given a green light, making them more visible to drivers who are making a left turn.

Parent Outreach
Fall 2020

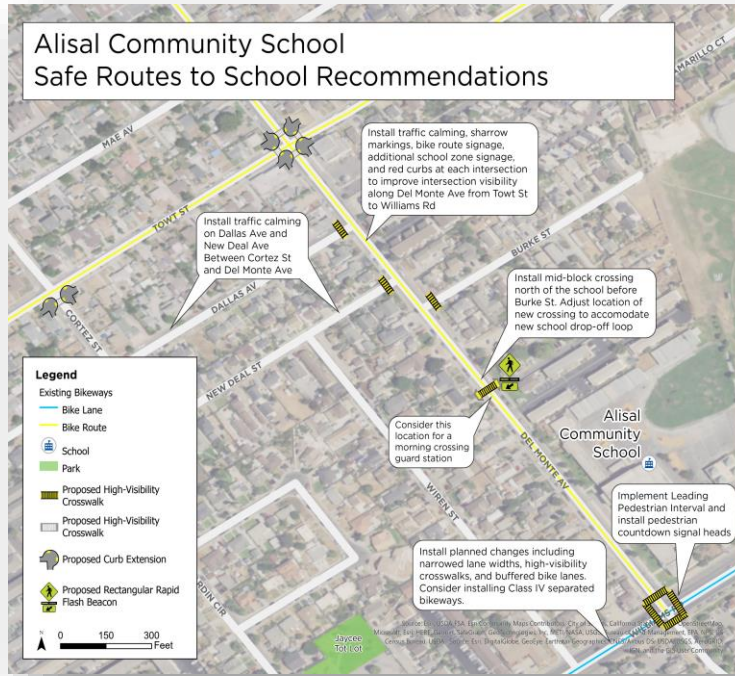


Plan Process

School Audits
Fall 2020



Draft Recommendations
Winter 2020



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Parent Feedback on Draft Recommendations
Spring 2021

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Temporary Installations (Pop-ups)
Fall 2021/Spring 2022

Plan Process

Final Plan
Late 2022

Vision and Goals



I CAN: walk to bike or school safely

I HAVE: the skills and confidence I need to travel to school safely without using a car.

I KNOW: that my trip to school helps our environment, builds healthy habits, and saves my family money.

I AM: more connected to my neighborhood through my trip to school



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ENCOURAGEMENT: The majority of children will arrive at school by foot, bicycle, scooter, skateboard, bus, or carpool.

SAFETY: Zero collisions involving bikes or pedestrians that result in injury or death.

EDUCATION: All children in Salinas will receive traffic safety education.

ENGAGEMENT: Engage the community to create safe environments around schools.

EQUITY: Ensure all community members have equitable access to schools and Safe Routes to Schools programming.

III. Outreach Summary



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35,000+ Parents Reached

through Parentsquare or social media

2,425 Responses

to online parent survey

1,341 Responses

to draft recommendations survey

140 Presentations

at virtual parent meetings

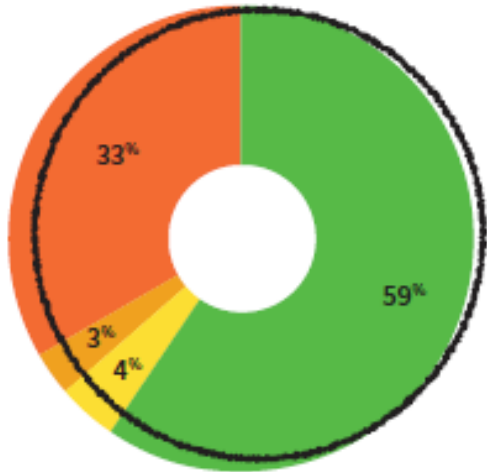
2 Demonstration projects

on East Alisal Street and McKinnon Street

Temporary Installation: East Alisal Street

Figure 6. East Alisal Street Installation Survey Data

Would you like to see the temporary improvements made permanent?



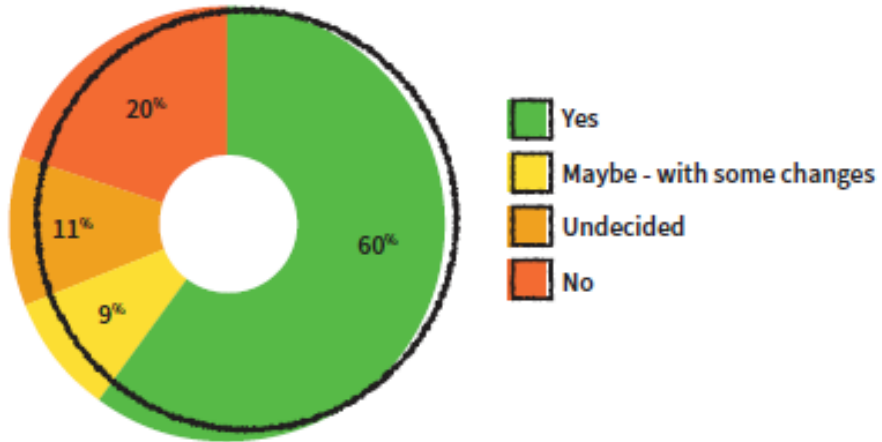
- Yes
- Maybe - with some changes
- Undecided
- No



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Temporary Installation: McKinnon Street

Figure 8. McKinnon Street Installation Survey Data
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Safe Routes Corridors

Safe Routes to Schools Corridors

- ● Recommended Safe Routes to Schools Corridor
- Recommended Class I Shared Use Path
- Existing Class I Shared Use Path



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IV. Citywide Recommendations

Citywide Corridor Recommendation

Existing Facilities

- Class I Shared Use Path
- Class II Bike Lane
- Class IIB Buffered Bike Lane
- Class III Bike Route
- Class IV Separated Bikeway
- Regional Bike Route

Recommended Facilities

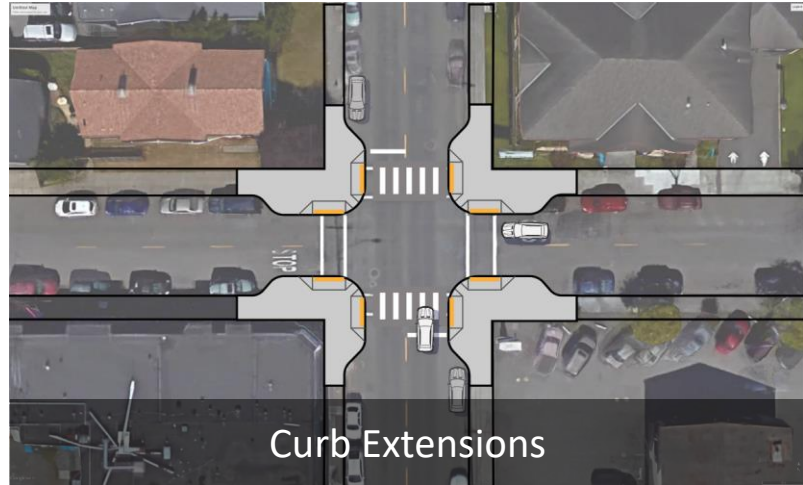
- - - Bike Boulevard
- - - Class I Path
- - - Class I or Sidewalk
- - - Class II Bike Lane
- - - Class II or Bike Boulevard
- - - Class IIB Buffered
- - - Class IIB or Class IV
- - - Class III Bike Route
- - - Class IV Separated Bikeway
- - - Class IV or Class I



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Common Infrastructure Recommendations



Curb Extensions



Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)



Safe Routes to Schools Corridors



Raised Crosswalk



Bike Boulevard



Separated Bikeways/Cycle Tracks

School Recommendations



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Pedestrian Countdown Signal Heads allow pedestrians to see how many seconds remain before the light changes and whether there is enough time to cross safely.

Program Recommendations

TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)

Education

- Support the Street Smarts traffic-safety education campaign, including information on how to use new infrastructure like roundabouts, Class IV separated bikeways, and pedestrian hybrid beacons.
- Install traffic gardens at elementary schools and parks to provide space for traffic safety education.
- Promote the TAMC program that allows citizens to report sidewalk and bicycle facility hazards on Salinas roadways.

Encouragement

- Work with schools to develop SchoolPool carpooling programs, with incentives for participation such as priority parking spaces and drop-off lanes.

- Develop a bar-code scanner program that notifies parents when students arrive at school.
- Develop a pilot program to structure school drop-off times and locations by grade level and align it with education programs.
- Promote the TAMC Safe Routes website (<https://saferoutesmonterey.org/>) as a community resource for establishing walking school buses, finding safety information, etc.
- Continue to provide bike and skateboard racks to schools through the Bicycle Secure program.

Equity

- Design and implement public outreach and engagement that is broadly accessible and provides means for all to participate.
- Provide an equitable share of transportation investments to underserved, racially diverse communities to improve their health, safety, and quality of life.



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IV. Project Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Max Points
Safety	30
Equity	20
Community-Identified Need	20
Access to Key Destinations	15
Connectivity and Low-Stress Network	15
Total	100



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High-Priority Project List

RANK	SCHOOL	PROJECT NO.	RECOMMENDATION	STREET	CROSS ST 1	CROSS ST 2	TOTAL	EST. COST
1	Sherwood Elementary/El Sausal Middle	SE013/ESM001	Consider protected pedestrian phases at Alisal/Woods, Alisal/Madeira, and Alisal/Hebbron. Install high-visibility crosswalks and protected bike lanes as outlined in Alisal Vibrancy Plan. Remove on-street parking in front of El Sausal, and shift bus drop-off from Towt to Alisal.	E Alisal St	Kern St	Skyway Blvd	100	\$2,717,020
2	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary/ Jesse G. Sanchez Elementary	MLKA008	Short term: Install Class II bike lanes between Laurel and Del Monte. Long term: Widen sidewalk to create multi-use path from Laurel to Garner. Install bike-conflict markings at recreation center entrance and exit driveways. Install raised median with pedestrian refuge islands.	Sanborn Rd	Del Monte Ave	Laurel Dr	90	\$1,799,520
3	Carr Lake Community Day/Mount Toro High/El Puente	CLCD005	Consolidate bike lanes to one side of the road for a two-way cycle track or multi-use path. Upgrade bike lanes on Natividad between Bernal and Boronda to Class IV separated bikeways and install protected intersection treatments at Bernal to facilitate transition to cycle track.	Sherwood Dr	Bernal St	Rossi St	86	\$12,541,180
4	Creekside Elementary	CE016	Upgrade Class II bike lane to Class IV.	Constitution Blvd	Boronda Rd	Independence	85	\$5,458,680
4	Henry F. Kammann	HFK006	Install Class IV separated bikeways or Class I multi-use path.	W Laurel Dr	Davis Rd	N Main St	85	\$1,200,000
4	Los Padres Elementary	LPE002	Install raised median for entire length of John St with landscaping and lighting. Consider other opportunities for traffic calming.	John St	Salinas St	E Alisal St	85	\$3,879,220
4	Sherwood Elementary	SE012	Install curb extensions and ramps along John St.	John St	S Wood St	Sanborn Rd	85	\$3,102,005
5	Fremont Elementary	FE014	Install traffic calming, sharrow marking, and bike boulevard signage.	Towt St	Market St	Laurel Dr	81	\$550,800
6	Santa Rita Elementary	SRE002	Consider bike boulevard with traffic calming between Main St and Van Buren Ave. Consider street trees. Consider sidewalk widening on south side to install multi-use path.	E Bolivar St	Main St	Van Buren Ave	79	\$1,099,800
6	Virginia Rocca Barton Elementary	VRBE020	Install traffic calming (chicanes and removal of parking at those locations), sharrow markings, and bike route signage.	Del Monte Ave	Rider Ave	Williams Rd	79	\$1,815,600



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V. Plan Implementation

- Projects will be implemented as funding is available
- Opportunity to include bike/pedestrian improvements in Vision Zero integrated maintenance projects



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Next Steps

- Draft plan available for public review and comments, Sept. 22nd through Oct. 23rd
<https://saferoutesmonterey.org/planning-salinas/>
- Board adoption of final plan - end of 2022



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