



## **PROJECT TITLE:** Westside Community Paseos

### **WHY THIS PROJECT?**

The Project provides critical bike and pedestrian connections within and from the Westside to the Downtown area.

Traffic diverters, speed humps, and landscaped peninsulas will be installed on Gillespie Street. Speed humps will be installed on San Pascual and Nopal Streets. These features reduce vehicular volumes and speed so cyclists can comfortably share the roadway with vehicles.

New multiuse path connections will be constructed between existing biking routes on Mission Street between Modoc Road and San Pascual Street, and San Pascual and Micheltorena Streets. Buffered bike lanes with protective bollards will be installed on the Micheltorena Street bridge for safer access over U.S. Highway 101. The improved bike route will continue onto Castillo Street to Sola Street, and through the Downtown area to connect with the Eastside Community Paseos Project.

New traffic signals and traffic diverters will be installed along Sola Street to create lower vehicular volumes and speeds to facilitate a safe cross-town connection. Some on-street parking removal will occur in specific sections of the project to accommodate these safety improvements.

Key pedestrian safety enhancements include a new crosswalk with a midblock refuge island and rapid flashing beacons at Dutton and Almond Avenues for pedestrians to safely cross Micheltorena Street. A new raised crosswalk will be installed at Gillespie and Arrellaga Streets for families to safely walk to Harding University Partnership School.

### **PROJECT BENEFITS**

Improving walking and biking facilities will provide more alternatives to travel around town, whether for work, play, school, or daily outings. The Project will create safe and efficient bike routes for cyclists using the busy commercial roadways on Micheltorena and San Andres Streets. With a focus on low vehicular-volume streets, the improvements will provide a safe route to four local schools, encouraging students to bike or walk. Key features include improved crosswalks, access ramps, signage, high visibility bike lanes, traffic signals, traffic diverter medians, landscaped peninsulas, and new street lighting.

### **ADDITIONAL SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS COMING SOON**

The City received additional grant monies to further enhance walking and biking safety in the Westside. Visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WestsideNTMP](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WestsideNTMP) for details.

## **QUICK FACTS**

**Location:** Corridors throughout the Westside and Downtown, including Gillespie, San Pascual, Mission, Micheltorena, and Sola Streets

**Construction Schedule:** winter 2022 – fall 2023

**Total Project Costs:** \$4.5 million

**Funding Source:** Active Transportation Program Grant

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