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Disabilities Advisory Commission Report
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Vision Zero School Safety Project - Phase 2

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Location: Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8

Recommendation: Receive and comment.

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Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Presentation

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: On February 16, 2021, the City Council approved the Vision Zero School Safety Study, an element of the City's Vision Zero Action Plan. The study is a collaborative, data-driven effort to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injury that focuses on improving safety and access to 20 schools throughout Sacramento. The recommendations in the report were determined after site visits to each school, consultation with school communities, technical analysis, and review. The study is designed to facilitate safer and more convenient opportunities to walk, bicycle, take transit and carpool to school.

The locally-funded Vision Zero School Safety Project - Phase 2 (T15255500) will implement the study's recommendations at 10 of the 20 schools. The 10 schools are as follows:

1. H Allen Heights Elementary School / Natomas Middle School
2. Garden Valley Elementary School
3. Northwood Elementary School
4. Mustard Seed School
5. Washington Elementary School
6. Miwok Middle School

7. Sacramento Charter High School
8. Bret Harte Elementary School
9. Capitol Collegiate Academy
10. Rio Cazadero High School / Las Flores High School

As part of the Vision Zero School Safety Project - Phase 2, it was determined that several of the recommendations listed for the ten school sites need additional study before implementation. These studies are in progress and will inform City staff on whether the recommendations are warranted and provide guidance on moving forward with implementing the recommendations.

Of the remaining schools, seven of the twenty schools are receiving improvements as part of the Vision Zero School Safety Project and three of the twenty schools will receive improvements as part of other City and school district projects.

Policy Considerations: The Vision Zero School Safety Project - Phase 2 is consistent with the City General Plan goals and key policies that accommodate and promote safe travel for all. The project will help prioritize the mobility, comfort, health, safety and convenience for those walking and bicycling (General Plan M-1.2), help foster a transportation system that improves the health of Sacramento residents (General Plan M-1.3), provide equitable processes and outcomes (M-1.9), increase bicycling and walking (General Plan 1-1.11), improve walkability (M-1.13), improve bicycling connectivity (General Plan M-1.17), strengthen the protection of people bicycling and improve bicycling safety (General Plan M-1.18), and improve walking safety (M-1.19).

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: The informal update is an administrative activity and is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (b)(5). The City of Sacramento Environmental Planning Services has reviewed the proposed project and determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA under the Categorical Exemption for the operation, repair or minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use and for new construction or conversion of small facilities, including street improvements, set forth in Sections 15301(c) and 15303(d)(e) respectively.

Sustainability: The proposed project supports City Council's sustainability priorities. The transportation sector accounts for 57% of community-wide greenhouse gas emissions, the largest single sector in the community. The City's Climate Action Plan includes several implementation measures to reduce vehicle trips. The project would increase active transportation, reduce vehicular trips, and help ensure more efficient vehicular flow. These actions will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help improve local air quality.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: This item is for information only. Community and commission feedback is an important part in preliminary engineering.

Financial Considerations: The Vision Zero School Safety Project - Phase 2 is being locally funded with Vision Zero and Quick Build Safety Program funds.

Public/Neighborhood Outreach and Comments: The recommendations in the Vision Zero School Safety Study were determined after site visits to each school and consultation with school communities.



Anthony Grace/ Project Manager

Date 06/03/2026

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VISION ZERO SCHOOL

SAFETY PROJECT – PHASE 2

Disabilities Advisory Commission Presentation

Background

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Vision Zero School Safety Plan

- Plan guiding safety improvements at 20 schools
 - Developed with input from school communities
 - Provided short, medium and long term recommendations
- Vision Zero School Safety Project
 - Implementing recommendations at 7 schools
- Vision Zero School Safety Project – Phase 2
 - Implementing recommendations at 10 schools
- District led improvements
 - 3 schools are incorporating site improvements as part of district led efforts.

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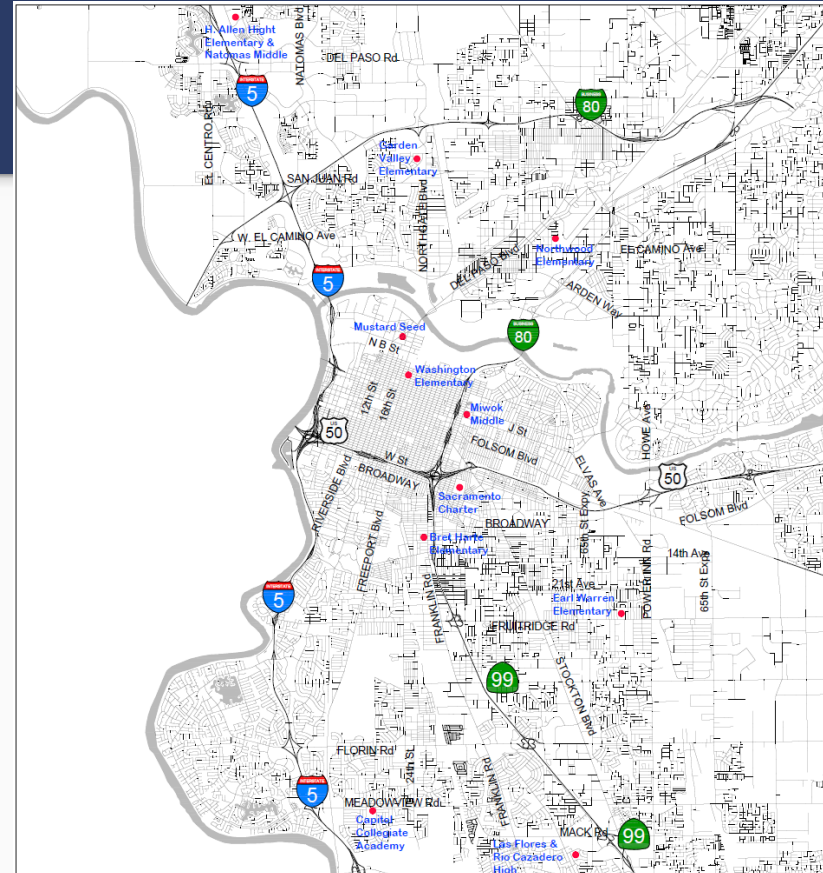
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Background – Schools

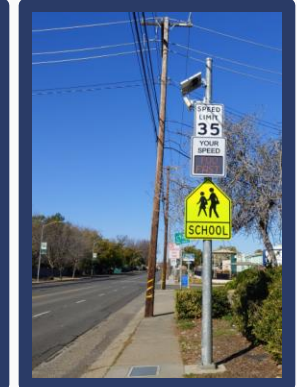
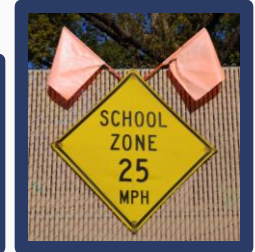
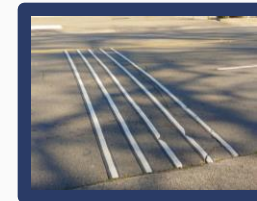
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Project Purpose

Project Need and Purpose

- Improve safety and access at schools in Sacramento
- Recommendations in the Vision Zero School Safety Plan were determined following site visits and with input from the school communities, technical analysis and review
- Recommendations include:
 - Installation of school signs and markings
 - Parking restrictions near intersections and crosswalks
 - Improving pedestrian ramps around school sites
 - Installing pedestrian crossing enhancements
 - Evaluating installation of Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB's)
 - Evaluating intersections for traffic signals



Project Elements

Project Elements - Initial Improvements

- Installation of school traffic signs & markings
- Installation of hi-visibility ladder-style crosswalks
- Remarking road markings
- Restricting parking near intersections & crosswalks
- Reconstructing & improving pedestrian ramps
- Installing passenger loading zones



Project Elements – Curb Ramps

- H. Allen Height Elementary School / Natomas Middle School
 - Kokomo Dr & N Park Dr
- Garden Valley Elementary School
 - Beechwood Way & turnstone Dr
- Mustard Seed School
 - North B St & Ahern St
- Washington Elementary School
 - Est & 17th St
 - E St & 18th St
 - F St & 18th St
- Sacramento Charter High School
 - 35th St & Y St
- Bret Harte Elementary School
 - 7th Ave & Cutter Way
- Rio Cazadero High School / Los Flores High School
 - Bamford Dr & Grandstaff Dr
 - Bamford Dr & Panos Ct

Project Elements – Feasibility/Traffic Study

- Determine if signals are warranted & if so, determine feasibility
- Evaluate installation of buffer zone along bike lanes
- Evaluate widening sidewalks
- Evaluate constructing new sidewalks
- Explore traffic calming elements



Project Elements – Feasibility/Traffic Study



Project Funding

Project Funding

- \$700,000 in local funds
 - \$400,000 - Vision Zero Safety funds
 - \$300,00 - Quick Build Traffic Safety funds
- Additional funds will be needed to complete all initial improvements
- Estimates will be determined for items included in the Feasibility & Traffic study

Timeline

- Summer 2026 – Summer 2027
Construct initial improvements
 - Coordinate with City maintenance staff
- Summer 2026 – Winter 26/27
Complete Feasibility/Traffic study
- Winter 2027 – Summer 2027
Seek funding for design, right-of-way & construction of items in the Feasibility/Traffic Study



Thank You!

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