



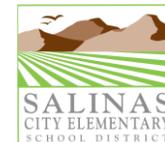
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# DRAFT Salinas Safe Routes to Schools Plan

Salinas City Council  
October 18<sup>th</sup>, 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  
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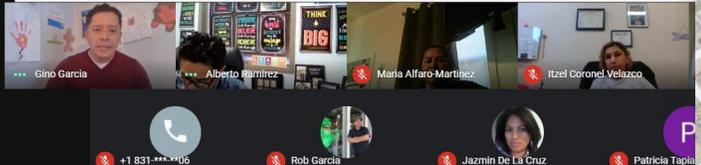
# Plan Process

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## Plan de Rutas Seguras a las Escuelas Safe Routes to School Plan

Junta Comunitaria Virtual / Community Virtual Meeting  
Salinas, Ca





### Alisal Community School Safe Routes to School Recommendations



**Legend**

- Existing Bikeways
- Bike Lane
- Bike Route
- School
- Park
- Proposed High-Visibility Crosswalk
- Proposed High-Visibility Crosswalk
- Proposed Curb Extension
- Proposed Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon

**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.

Install traffic calming, sharrow markings, bike route signage, additional school zone signage, and red curbs at each intersection to improve intersection visibility along Del Monte Ave from Towt St to Williams Rd

Install traffic calming on Dallas Ave and New Deal Ave Between Cortez St and Del Monte Ave

Install mid-block crossing north of the school before Burke St. Adjust location of new crossing to accommodate new school drop-off loop

Consider this location for a morning crossing guard station

Implement Leading Pedestrian Interval and install pedestrian countdown signal heads

Install planned changes including narrowed lane widths, high-visibility crosswalks, and buffered bike lanes. Consider installing Class IV separated bikeways.

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Parent Outreach  
Fall 2020 & Spring 2021

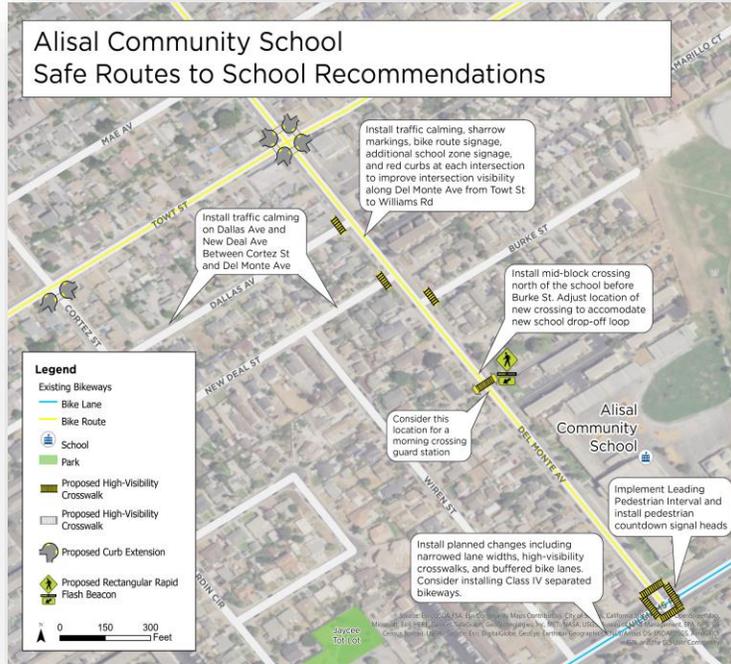


Draft Recommendations  
Winter 2020 & Spring 2021



School Audits  
Fall 2020 & Spring 2021

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### SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

High-Visibility Crosswalks are "ladder style" more visible to drivers than crosswalks consisting of two lines.

Curb Extensions are installed to create a buffer zone for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Transitions are installed to create a buffer zone for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Lead into intersections are marked with high-visibility paint.



Parent Feedback on Draft Recommendations  
Spring 2021



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Temporary Installations

Fall 2021 &  
Spring 2022



Final Plan - Late 2022



# Plan Vision

**I CAN:** walk, bike, and roll to 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



# Plan Goals

**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.



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# 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

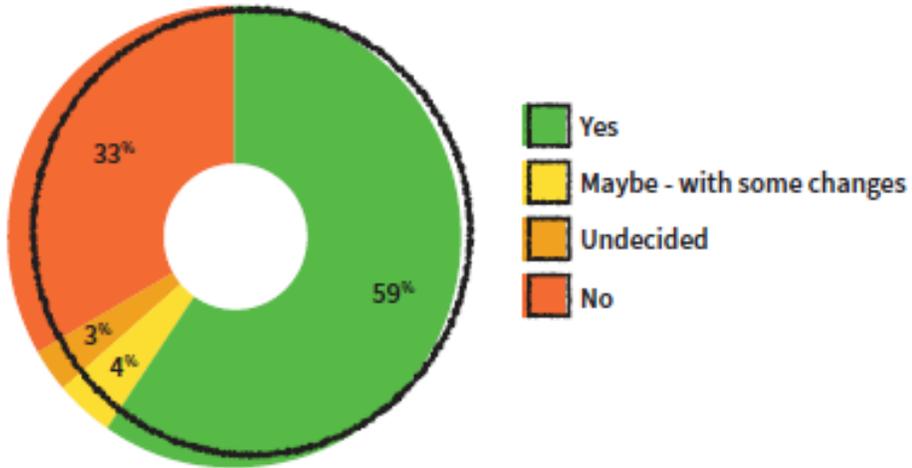
**2 Demonstration projects**

- on East Alisal Street and McKinnon Street

# Temporary Installation: East Alisal Street

Figure 6. East Alisal Street Installation Survey Data

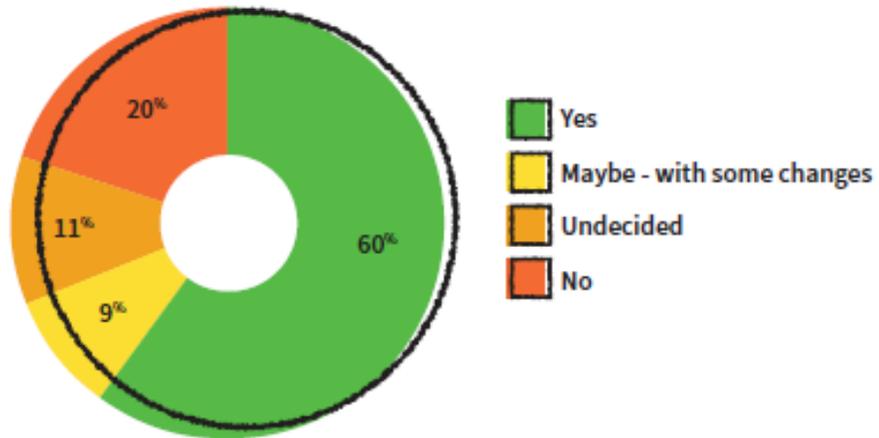
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# Temporary Installation: McKinnon Street

Figure 8. McKinnon Street Installation Survey Data  
Would you like to see the temporary improvements made permanent?



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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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# Safe Routes Corridors

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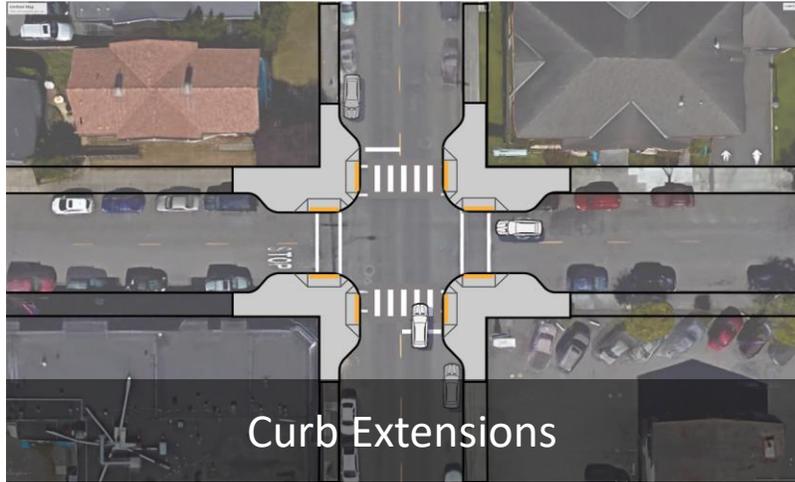
- Recommended Safe Routes to Schools Corridor
- Recommended Class I Shared Use Path
- Existing Class I Shared Use Path



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# Common Infrastructure Recommendations



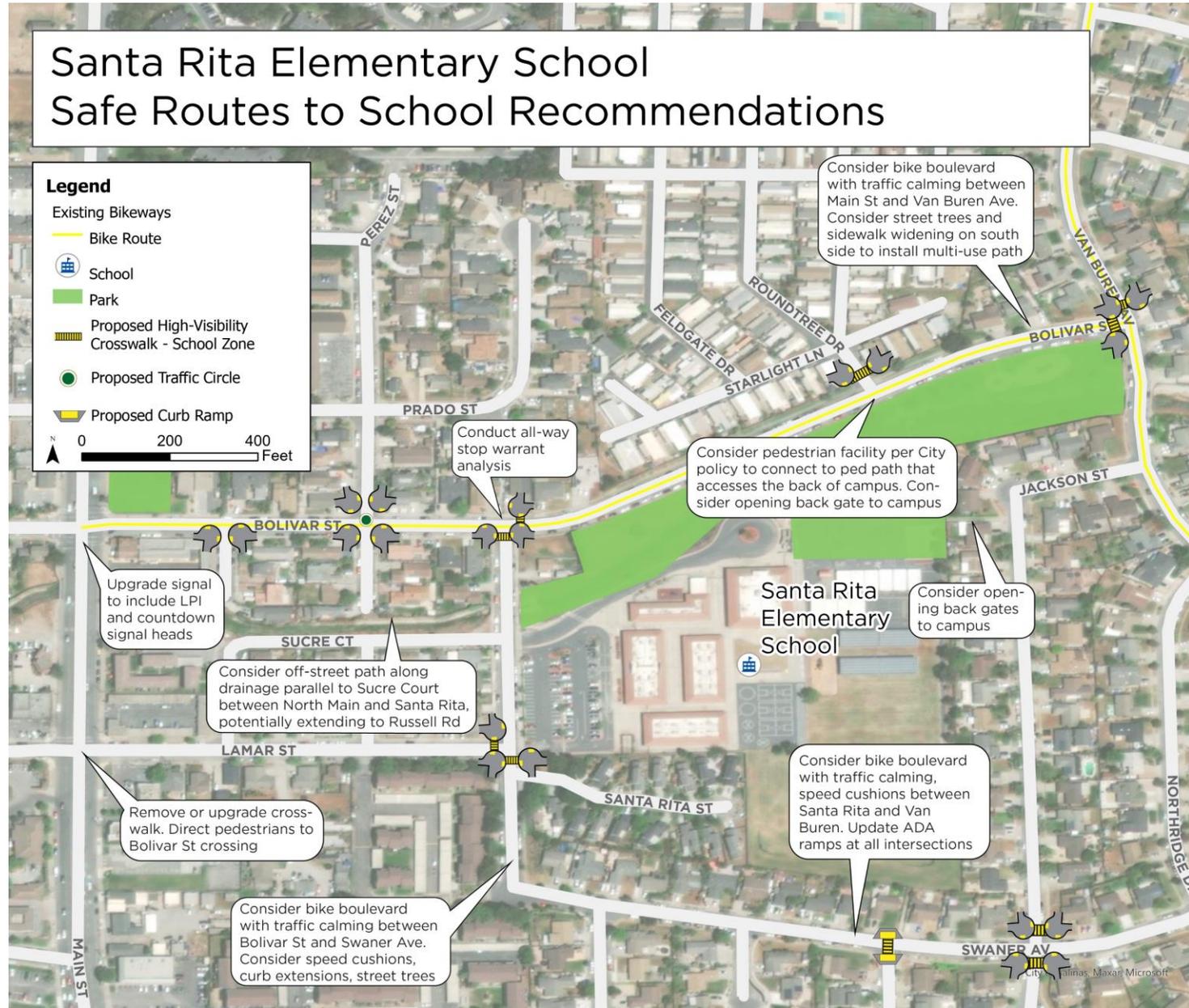
# Sample School Recommendations

## Santa Rita Elementary School Safe Routes to School Recommendations

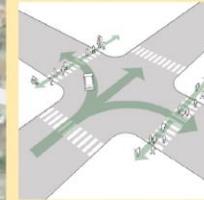
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- Proposed High-Visibility Crosswalk - School Zone
- Proposed Traffic Circle
- Proposed Curb Ramp

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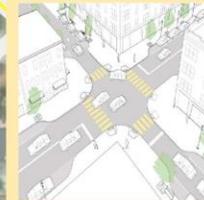
### SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



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# Program Recommendations

## City of Salinas: Police, Recreation and Community Services, and Public Works Departments

### Education

- Train police officers to teach traffic safety, with a focus on driver safety, and accurately report collisions involving bicyclists or pedestrians.
- Incorporate bike/walk safety trainings or helmet giveaways into Recreation and Community Services Department messaging, after-school programs, and events.
- Promote the Salinas Connect app and website, which allows citizens to report sidewalk and bicycle facility hazards on city roadways.

### Encouragement

- Incorporate tree planting into active transportation projects to provide shade for people who are walking and bicycling and address City goals for increasing the urban tree canopy.
- Support and promote bike and pedestrian encouragement activities such as Bike Month, Ciclovía, and Walk and Bike to School Day.
- Apply for Bicycle Friendly Community designation through the League of American Bicyclists (could involve city staff and community volunteers).



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# IV. Project Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Maximum Points
<b>Safety</b>	30
<b>Access to Key Destinations</b>	15
<b>Connectivity and Low-Stress Network</b>	15
<b>Equity</b>	20
<b>Community-Identified Need</b>	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>



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# High-Priority Project List



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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	HF006	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

# 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
<https://saferoutesmonterey.org/planning-salinas/>
- Council adoption of final plan - end of 2022



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