



PROJECT TITLE: Eastside Community Paseos

WHY THIS PROJECT?

The project provides critical bike and pedestrian connections within and from the Eastside to the Downtown area. A bike-friendly route along Alisos Street will serve as a safe alternative route to the vehicular-dominated Milpas Street for families biking and walking to nearby schools. All stop signs in the Alisos Street corridor will be relocated to cross streets, allowing cyclists to travel Alisos Street from top to bottom without stopping. Traffic diverters and landscaped peninsulas will be installed along Alisos Street to encourage a reduction in vehicular volumes and speed so cyclists can share the roadway. Students and residents will be able to safely walk and bike from the Eastside Neighborhood via improved bicycle and pedestrian corridors connecting to Santa Barbara Junior High School and into Downtown. Some of the on-street parking spaces will be shifted into the parkway along the north side of the 900 block of East Cota Street in order to accommodate the bike lane.



Existing bike routes along Cota and Haley Streets will have new, green conflict striping at the intersections. This striping will safely position cyclists at intersections and provide a visual queue to drivers to anticipate cyclists approaching and crossing at intersections. A new bike lane will be installed on Ortega Street, from Chapala Street to Ortega Park and Santa Barbara Junior High School.

Pedestrian improvements include new sidewalk along the west side of Alisos Street in areas currently missing sidewalk. Rectangular rapid flashing beacons will be installed at the intersections of Cota Street with Quarantina and Nopal Streets, which are adjacent to Santa Barbara Junior High School.

PROJECT UPDATE

Construction of a bike-friendly route along Alisos Street (between De La Guerra and Cacique Streets) and on Cota Street (between Milpas and Alisos Streets) has been delayed. The water main along Alisos Street must be replaced prior to construction, but due to material shortages, the water main replacement has been deferred. The City anticipates construction of the bike-friendly route to resume in early fall of 2023. The following safety enhancements for the project have been constructed: new bike lanes on Ortega Street between Chapala and Olive Streets, enhanced pedestrian crossings at the intersections adjacent to Santa Barbara Junior High and Santa Barbara High School, new pedestrian ramps at the intersection of Canon Perdido and Alisos Streets, and new sidewalk on the west side of Alisos Street near Canon Perdido Street.

QUICK FACTS

Location: Eastside, Lower East, Laguna and Downtown Neighborhoods

Construction Schedule: Project resumes fall of 2023

Total Project Costs: \$3.70 million

Funding Source: Active Transportation Program Grant

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