A Vision of Zero Vehicle Collisions

The goal of the City’s Vision Zero strategy is to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries in the City while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all. This week, the City will complete the first two projects of Vision Zero: the restriping of Las Positas Road and Cabrillo Boulevard, which are Vision Zero Priority Corridors.

The Las Positas project is expected to eliminate collision patterns on Las Positas between McCaw Avenue and Alegria Road by creating a center lane for left-turning movements. One southbound lane will be converted into a center left turn lane between McCaw and Alegria. The northbound side will remain two lanes. In the Las Positas corridor, there are about 15 collisions every five years, in which about 15 Santa Barbarans are injured. This change encourages safer speeds and is not expected to increase traffic congestion.

The Cabrillo Boulevard project aims to prevent a demonstrated pattern of collisions in the “S” turn adjacent to the Andrée Clark Bird Refuge, as well as collisions related to motorists along East Beach making U-turns across Cabrillo. Scheduled pavement maintenance on Cabrillo offers the opportunity to reduce these known collision patterns, provide bike lanes, and increase the amount of parking spaces at East Beach. The additional parking spaces at the volleyball courts will be back-in angle spaces:

![Back-In Angle Parking Diagram]

**Why?** It’s much safer to pull out of your parking space than backing out because you’re facing forward.

**It’s three simple steps:** signal, stop, and reverse. Plus it’s one less turn of your steering wheel than parallel parking.