

# Venice Boulevard

GREAT STREETS  
Mar Vista

## WHAT ARE WE DOING? A Safer Mar Vista for All!

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Completion: May 2017

Cost \$1.8 million to improve street safety, access and mobility for all road users, support local businesses, and create a more welcoming neighborhood street.



Snapshot of new street design at Venice Boulevard between Ocean View and Grand View in Mar Vista

### KEY CHANGES

#### Four New Pedestrian Crosswalks

- OBJECTIVE:** Improve safety for everyone who travels on Venice Blvd., shorten distances to safe crossing points and provide greater parking access.
- DESIGN:** New signals and crosswalk striping increases driver's ability to see pedestrians crossing.
- INSTALLATION:** The new signals and crosswalks will be installed on Venice Blvd at Mountain View Ave, Ocean View Ave, Boise St, and Meier St.



#### Protected and Buffered Bicycle Lanes

- OBJECTIVE:** Provide robust protection for people traveling by bicycle on Venice Blvd, reduce sidewalk bicycle riding, and improve safety for all road users.
- DESIGN:** Protected bicycle lanes have a physical barrier between bicyclists and moving vehicles of a parking lane and bollards; buffered bicycle lanes have a painted buffer.
- INSTALLATION:** Protected and buffered bicycle lanes will be installed with the new road design.

#### Pedestrian Head Starts and High-Visibility Crosswalks

- OBJECTIVE:** To increase pedestrian visibility and safety at all existing intersections.
- DESIGN:** Pedestrians will receive a walk signal a few seconds before drivers get a green light; high-visibility continental crosswalks will be installed at all existing intersections.
- INSTALLATION:** Signals will be re-timed and crosswalks will be restriped along with all of the other improvements.



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## WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

### CREATING SAFER STREETS

- Venice Blvd has a higher rate of injuries compared to similar streets in LA.
- Since 2011 there have been 48 pedestrians and bicyclists injured from crashes along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista.
- A city speed survey found that 15% to 18% of drivers were driving over the 40 MPH speed limit on Venice Blvd, which poses a threat to the health and safety of people using the street, especially children and older adults who are walking.
- Venice Blvd is on the Citywide High-Injury Network (HIN) of streets that account for two-thirds of all deaths and injuries to people walking and biking.
- The planned street design has been used to improve safety for all road users across the U.S. including Los Angeles to improve safety for all road users.

### Pedestrian & Bicycle Collisions:

This diagram shows the location and number of injury collisions involving people driving, walking and bicycling.



SWITRS/LADOT Crossroads, 2010 - 2014

### Vehicle-Vehicle Collisions:

This diagram shows the location and number of injury collisions involving people in vehicles with other people in vehicles.



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