

Safe Streets for 17th Street and Michigan Avenue – Project Updates and Modifications Based on Community Feedback

As the Safe Streets for 17th Street and Michigan Avenue Project is nearing completion, we want to thank you, our community, for your patience during the construction period. Construction began in October 2021, and, over the last 19 months, we've installed almost 8,000 linear feet of protected bike way, two fully protected intersections and two partially protected intersections, pedestrian scale lighting, nineteen curb extensions, signal timing adjustments, new paint to clarify the use of space, two mini traffic circles, and resurfaced the street for a smooth ride, all while nearly a dozen atmospheric rivers continuously upended schedules and plans this winter. Once complete, these temporary inconveniences will result in long-term modern transportation infrastructure which will play a critical role in promoting safe and accessible urban environments for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists alike.

Community outreach for this project began back in 2017 and the design incorporates feedback from the community as well as internal City departments including Police, Fire, Transportation and Public Works. As we aim to finalize construction by mid-July 2023, additional modifications will be incorporated based on recent community feedback. This includes improving visibility of the concrete islands at the intersections of Arizona Avenue, Broadway, Colorado Avenue, Olympic Boulevard, and Pico Boulevard and at the concrete protective barriers along 17th Street. Around driveways, we will be extending the red curb to increase visibility; parked cars will be set further away from the driveway to allow for improved sight lines as residents enter/exit their driveways. A new accessible blue parking space will be installed at the southeast corner of 17th Street and Broadway and two that had been slated for removal will be retained based on feedback.

The City is committed to addressing accessibility needs and will work with residents requesting additional accessible parking in the area. We will also add twelve new loading zones on 17th Street between Wilshire Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard to improve access for emergency response, mail and deliveries, parking enforcement, and for visitors picking up or dropping off.

To further communicate these modifications, the City will distribute a flyer to residents and post educational signage along the project area in the upcoming weeks. Thank you to community members who have provided thoughtful and important feedback throughout the project.

More details are coming soon and will be available at: <https://www.santamonica.gov/mobility-projects/safe-streets-for-17th-street-and-michigan-avenue>