UPDATE: Public Works Mid-Block Crossing Policy

Transportation Board

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Public Works Department

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Mid-Block Crossing Policy Goals

- The purpose of this policy is to provide a consistent procedure, outlining the conditions and process for determining where mid-block pedestrian crossings may be installed within the County.
- A Mid-Block Crossing is a pedestrian crossing location, where sidewalks or designated walkway intersects a roadway at a location without traffic control (i.e., traffic signal or stop sign).
- Evaluation and determination for when and where to provide crossing treatments are handled on a case-by case basis.
- Safe and efficient pedestrian crossing facilities at appropriate locations may reduce vehicle trips and help support multiple modes of transportation.
- Policy developed using local and national standards from Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Studies were also performed by City of Boulder and adopted by other municipalities.

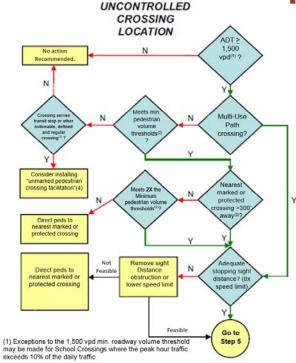
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Mid-Block Crossing Policy

- Presented at the June 6, 2024, Transportation Board
 - Requested to analyze mid-crossing policy on future design projects
 - Review number of requests: Public Works received request for 1 or 2 locations every few months
- Request to review the Sycamore Street Crossing at Diamond Drive
 - Does not meet the Pedestrian Volume Thresholds of 20 peds per hour in any 1hour (FHWA) (3 pedestrians in 12-hour period) Source Diamond Drive Safety Study
 - Origins and Destinations (Atomic City Transit bus stops and Pueblo Complex)
 - The guidance states to either do nothing or implement full crossing enhancements.
 - Given very low pedestrian thresholds, no enhancements are recommended.

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Steps to Analyze



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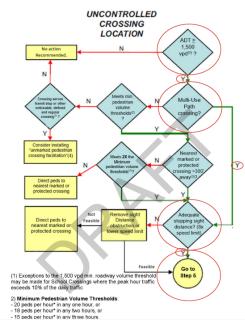
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Mid-Block Crossing Analysis Example for Proposed NM4 Mid Block Crossing

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- Following the Pedestrian Crossing Treatment Flowchart and Application of Pedestrian Crash Countermeasures by Roadway Feature Table
- Meets the minimum
 - 58 Pinon Elementary Students living in Mirador Subdivision
 - School Crossing Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) Warrant



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Table 1 provides initial countermeasure options for various roadway conditions. Each matrix cell indicates possibilities that may be appropriate for designated pedestrian crossings. Not all countermeasures listed in the matrix cell will necessarily be installed at a crossing.

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Mid-Block Crossing Analysis Example for Existing Crossings along Canyon Rd

- Does Not Meet the minimum Pedestrian Volume Thresholds of 20 peds per hour in any 1 hour
- Canyon Road at Aquatic Center
 - Ped. Count 9 pedestrian per hour
 - Bus Stops on Both sides
 - School age children use this crossing.
 - Recommend enhancements
- Canyon Road at Rose Street
 - Count 6 pedestrian per hour
 - Sight Distance Issues / Speed Change
 - Evaluating Removal

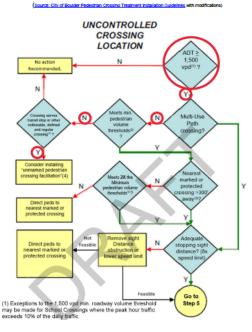
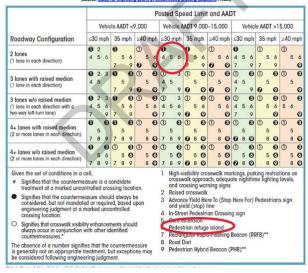


Figure 1. Pedestrian Crossing Treatment Flowchart.

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Crossing at Canyon Road near Rose Street

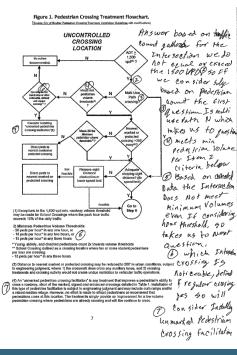
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Crossing at Canyon Road near Aquatic Center

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Mid-Block Crossing Analysis Example for Existing Crossing along Rose St

Analysis during the writing of policy



Crossing at Rose Street near Circle Drive new curb ramps and pedestrian signs installed with the Rose Street Project

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Next Steps:

Evaluate Transportation Board Feedback and Move Towards Adoption

Questions?



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THANK YOU!

The Public Works Department staff thanks you for taking time out of your busy schedule to participate in the approval of these guidelines!