AVALON BLVD SAFETY PROJECT

POLICY ON ROAD SAFETY

The Joint Secretary's Policy on Road Safety (CalSTA and CalHHS) establishes an interim goal to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes by 30% on California roads by 2035. Through a public health, prevention-first, investment mindset that targets the root causes of traffic crashes, the policy commits to institutionalize the Safe System Approach (SSA) across departments.

STATE PRIORITY SAFETY CORRIDORS



State Priority Safety Corridor effort brings state, local and community partners together to deliver proven, upstream safety actions tailored to how people travel. The State Priority Safety Corridor program is a way for multiple state departments to work together with local agencies to implement multiple safety measures that

will reduce severe crashes in areas with the highest risk of crashes. The state has analyzed safety data from all public roads in California and have identified corridors across the State where we aim to improve safety- blurring the boundary between state and local roads because peoples' trips don't acknowledge jurisdictional lines.

Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC) at UC Berkeley conducted an analysis of fatal and serious injuries (FSI) crashes across California from 2019 to 2023, using data from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS). It focused on major roads like highways and main streets and excluded smaller local streets to better understand safety trends on the busiest routes.



THE SAFETY PROJECT

Avalon Blvd. is an arterial roadway located in Los Angeles spanning 8.7-mile. Between 2019 and 2023, the corridor experienced 122 fatal and serious injury (FSI) crashes, resulting in 198 victims, of which 21 were fatal injuries and 115 were serious injuries.

CalSTA is teaming with LADOT to implement four major components:

- Street Improvement, such as resurfacing, signal upgrades
- Vision Zero Safety Elements, such as bus, pedestrian, and bicycle facility improvement
- Sidewalk Repair, such as access ramp upgrades, resurfacing and concrete curb extensions
- Green Infrastructure, such as tree planting

This project will have an 18-24 month construction timeline — resulting in a completion date of approximately Spring 2028. The State of California will contribute \$7M towards these safety enhancements.

The components in this project are listed as proven safety countermeasures from the U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration. https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures.

