

SR-91 SAFETY PROJECT

Postmile R10.179-R20.703 (10.52 miles)

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. The policy aligns agency decisions and investments to systematically lower exposure, crash likelihood and injury severity and reconvenes a cross sector Task Force to deliver a prioritized action plan. The policy institutionalizes safety across departments, through policy, design, operations, and investment discipline, with a focus on closing inequities and delivering measurable, population level impact.

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

SR-91 is a Freeway located in southeast Los Angeles County spanning 10.52 miles. Between 2019 and 2023, the corridor experienced 154 fatal and serious injury (FSI) crashes, resulting in 258 victims, of which 37 were fatal injuries and 147 were serious injuries.

CalSTA is working with Caltrans to implement the below major safety components:

- **Roadway Improvement**, such as rehabilitate pavement, install rumble strips, concrete barrier markers and longitudinal stripes, and upgrade guardrail systems.
- **Vision Zero Safety Elements**, such as upgrade pedestrian crosswalk, signs, lighting rehabilitation, retroreflective markers and Roadside Safety Improvement such as maintenance vehicle pullouts.

Caltrans is currently working on multiple capital and highway maintenance projects and partnering with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority on two projects to deliver operational and safety enhancements, and congestion reduction solutions on this corridor. These projects will have completion dates ranging from Fall 2026 to early 2035. The State of California will contribute approximately more than \$191M to the project.

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>.

