W Manchester Ave
SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Corridor limits: South Van Ness Ave to Compton Ave (4.08 miles)

POLICY ON ROAD SAFETY

Released in October 2025, the Joint Secretary's Policy on Road Safety, implemented by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and the California Health and Human Services Agency (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 all CalSTA departments.

STATE PRIORITY SAFETY CORRIDORS



State Priority Safety Corridors bring together state, local and community partners to deliver proven, upstream safety actions tailored to how people travel. Travel doesn't stop at jurisdictional lines or boundaries, so this program streamlines how multiple state departments and local agencies work together to implement safety measures that aim to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes where risk is highest.

Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC) at UC Berkeley conducted an analysis of fatal and serious injury (FSI) crashes across California from 2020 to 2024, using data from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS). The study focused on safety trends on the busiest routes, including highways and main streets.

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W Manchester Ave is located in South Los Angeles and the unincorporated Los Angeles County community of Florence-Firestone. The arterial roadway spans 4.08 miles, from S Van Ness Ave to Compton Ave. Between 2020 and 2024, the corridor experienced 113 FSI crashes, resulting in 23 fatalities and 160 serious injuries.

This dense urban corridor serves schools, transit riders and heavy foot traffic, with frequent locations where drivers and people walking or traveling outside of vehicles interact.

CalSTA has been working with Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) local and community partners to implement the safety components listed below:

- **Complete Streets Improvements**: Protected bike lanes, curb extensions, pedestrian refuge islands and improved medians between Vermont Avenue and Broadway.
- **Vision Zero Safety Elements**: Pedestrian signals, sidewalk and curb ramp upgrades, improved bus stops and shade trees.
- **Public Education**: Public awareness campaigns and community outreach to schools along the corridor.
- **Enhanced Enforcement**: Operations that focus on the most dangerous driving behaviors that put people biking and walking at risk, such as speeding.

Several of these actions are listed as proven safety measures from the U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration. https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures.

CalSTA is committed to working with Caltrans, CHP, OTS, DMV the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County and other local partners in implementing intentional engineering, education and enforcement solutions needed to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes along the selected State Priority Safety Corridor.



