

Crosswalks



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Project Description

The presence of a crosswalk is not a guarantee of pedestrian safety, but in the right location, and with additional warning features (like signs or bollards), a crosswalk can improve pedestrian comfort. Crosswalks are traffic controls (regulated by the MUTCD) and their design should conform to standard specifications.

Locations

Temporary crosswalks must be located where curb ramps already exist. Curb ramps, which allow individuals with disabilities to access the street, must be angled toward the direction you intend to install your temporary crosswalk.

Evaluation Topics

- Number of pedestrians using crosswalk;
- Vehicle speeds at the crosswalk (with and without pedestrians);
- Driver compliance with crosswalk regulations (legally, drivers must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk).

Quick Notes

- Crosswalk locations should have at least 200 feet of sight distance in each direction (City staff will assist with this measurement).
- You must submit at least one letter of support from a community or neighborhood organization for approval to install a crosswalk.
- Enhanced crosswalks must adhere to MUTCD guidance on allowable colors, as shown in the image below.

