

## New Flashing Beacons at School Crossing

Students at Natividad Elementary School on Modoc Street have a new traffic safety device that helps them get across the 4-lanes of Alvin Drive. The new flashing beacons are part of a series of improvements the City is planning on Alvin Drive that support safe routes to school.

The flashing beacons come with the restriping of a new high visibility crosswalk with supporting yield markings set back 50 feet from each direction to the crosswalk. The flashing beacons themselves include two LED rectangular shaped light sources that flash with high frequency when a pedestrian activates the beacon before crossing a street. These devices have been shown to help drivers comply with State law that requires drivers to yield to pedestrians at a crosswalk.

These beacons are particularly recommended for multi-lane streets crossings that are not controlled by a signal or STOP signs, which is the case at Modoc Street.

A small portion of the school's attendance area is across Alvin Drive and elementary students and their parents cross the street to get to school or to get back home. The City has been working with Natividad Elementary school for several years on safety concerns. The elementary school is one of several schools in the area that contribute traffic to Alvin Drive during pick-up and drop-off hours.

The City is also in the process of preparing for construction of more Safe Routes to Schools improvements on Alvin Drive including the signalization of two intersections on Alvin Drive, the provision of bicycle and pedestrian improvements. The larger Safe Routes to School project is funded by a grant from the Department of Transportation and support residents travelling to school "safely there and safely home".



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