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Manhattan Beach Mobility Plan Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements Policy









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POTENTIAL STRIPING ENHANCEMENTS

TREATMENT

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE

HIGH-VISIBILITY MARKED CROSSWALK/TEXTURED CROSSWALK

[Striping]

High-visibility markings include a family of crosswalk striping styles such as the "ladder" and the "triple-four," as well as decorative or textured crosswalk markings. These marking provide greater crosswalk visibility to motorists.





ADVANCE YIELD LIMIT LINE (MULTI-LANE ROADWAYS)

[Striping]

Yield limit lines (also referred to as "sharks' teeth") are placed in advance of marked, uncontrolled crosswalks to indicate to motorists where they should stop when a pedestrian is in a crosswalk.



Implemented together as package of improvements at all locations that meet the flow chart test justifying a marked crossing.

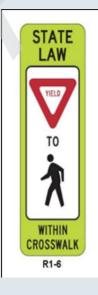
Additional enhancements to this package may be needed depending upon width of street, posted speed limit, sight distance and average daily traffic volumes. See guidance under which conditions additional enhancements are needed.

ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS/CROSSWALK SIGN ASSEMBLY

[Signage]

High-visibility fluorescent yellow green signs posted in advance of and at crossings increase the visibility of a pedestrian crossing. Requirements for the design and placement of these signs may be found in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Additionally, in street pedestrian signs may be added.





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POTENTIAL GEOMETRIC ENHANCEMENTS

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE **TREATMENT SPEED LIMIT 30MPH OR LOWER 35 MPH 40 MPH+ CURB EXTENSIONS** [Geometrics] Also known as a pedestrian bulb-out, this traffic-calming measure is meant to slow traffic and increase driver One geometric awareness of pedestrians. It consists of an extension of the curb enhancement is into the street, making the pedestrian space (sidewalk) wider and the crosswalk narrower. It improves driver visibility of recommended under the pedestrians waiting to enter the crosswalk One geometric following enhancement is conditions: recommended under the following conditions: • 2 lane street One geometric with ADT of enhancement is **REFUGE ISLANDS** 15,000+ recommended [Geometrics] • 3 lane street with at all crossings Raised islands are placed ADT of 12,000+ with a speed in the center of the roadway, • 3 lane street limit of 40 mph separating opposing lanes of with ADT of 9,000 or greater traffic with cutouts or ramps • 4+ lane street (no regardless of for accessibility along the raised median) with lane width and pedestrian path. Median refuge islands are recommended where ADT of 9,000+ • 4+ lane street ADT. right-of-way allows and conditions warrant. Refuge medians Ino raised can also be designed as a split pedestrian crossover where median) with ADT crosswalks in the roadway are staggered such that a pedestrian • 4+ lane street (with of 9,000 or less Locations where crosses half the street and then walks toward traffic to reach the raised median) with pedestrian second half of the crosswalk. This measure must be designed for ADT of 12,000+ actuated signals accessibility to direct sight-impaired pedestrians along the path • 4+ lane street are installed of travel. (with raised may not require Locations where median) with ADT these additional pedestrian actuated of 12,000+ enhancements signals are installed RAISED CROSSWALK may not require [Geometrics] these enhancements Locations where This traffic calming measure pedestrian provides a crosswalk with a actuated signals surface elevated above the are installed may travel lanes (typically at curb not require these height), attracting drivers' enhancements attention, encouraging lower speeds at the pedestrian

crossing point, and improving the visibility of pedestrians in

the crosswalk.

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POTENTIAL SIGNAL ENHANCEMENTS

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE TREATMENT SPEED LIMIT 30MPH OR LOWER **35 MPH** 40 MPH+ **OVERHEAD FLASHING BEACON** Instead of, or [Signal Treatment] in addition to Flashing amber lights are a geometric Instead of, or installed on overhead signal enhancement, in addition to arms in advance of the install an A geometric and/ a geometric crosswalk or at the entrance overhead beacon or an overhead enhancement, install to the crosswalk. Typically or RRFB under beacon or RRFB an overhead beacon overhead beacons are is recommended the following or RRFB under the pedestrian push button conditions: at all crossings following conditions: actuated and are most with a speed appropriate on multi-lane, limit of 40 mph signalized streets. • 2 lane street or greater • 3+ lane street with with ADT of regardless of ADT of 12.000+ lane width and 15.000+ ADT RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACON (RRFB) Beacons should • 3+ lane street [Signal Treatment] not be installed with ADT of Beacons should RRFB is a flashing beacon at locations of 9.000 +not be installed that is enhanced by replacing § pedestrian actuated at locations the traditional slow flashing signals. of pedestrian incandescent lamps with Beacons should actuated signals. rapid flashing LED lamps. not be installed The beacons may be pushat locations button activated or activated of pedestrian with pedestrian detection. actuated signals. Research indicated the greatest response from RRFBs. PEDESTRIAN ACTUATED SIGNAL Recommend on [Signal Treatment] 2 lane street with Recommended This is a conventional traffic ADT of 15,000 + on 3+ lane street Recommended on control device with warrants with ADT of or 4+ lane streets with for use based on the MUTCD. 15,000+ Signal remains on green until ADT of15,000+. 3+ lane street a pedestrian push button with ADT of activation. Signal operates 9,000+ If pedestrian If pedestrian with a flashing red until actuated signal actuated signal is completion of pedestrian is installed, installed, geometric phase. If pedestrian geometric enhancements may actuated signal enhancements not be necessary. is installed. may not be geometric necessary.

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The following is a list of potential enhancements options for intersections in pedestrian priority areas (such as around schools, parks, Downtown, etc.):

TABLE B \\ STOP-CONTROLLED LOCATION TOOLBOX



REFUGE ISLAND

[Geometrics]

Raised islands are placed in the center of the roadway, separating opposing lanes of traffic with cutouts or ramps for accessibility along the pedestrian path.



CURB EXTENSION/BUS BULBS/SHORT RIGHT-TURN LANE ELIMINATION

[Geometrics]

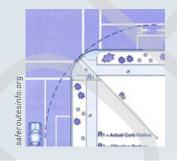
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IMPROVED RIGHT-TURN SLIP-LANE DESIGN/PORK CHOP REDESIGN

[Geometrics]

Right-turn slip lanes (aka channelized right-turn lanes) are separated from the rest of the travel lanes by a pork chop-shaped striped or raised median area. This measure separates right-turning traffic and streamlines right turning movements. Improved right-turn slip lanes provide pedestrian crossing islands within the intersection and are designed to optimize the right-turning motorist's view of the pedestrian and of vehicles to his or her left.



REDUCED TURNING RADIUS AS DETERMINED BY DESIGN VEHICLE

[Geometrics]

The size of the curb radius determines the speed at which approaching vehicles can navigate a turn. Reduced turn radii force approaching vehicles to slow down when turning, while still efficiently accommodating the largest vehicle commonly expected at the intersection.



PEDESTRIAN-SCALE LIGHTING

[Streetscape]

Pedestrian-scale lighting improves motorist sight of pedestrians.

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STANDARD CROSSWALK FOR STOP-CONTROLLED APPROACHES, LADDER OR TRIPLE FOUR AT UNCONTROLLED APPROACHES

[Striping]

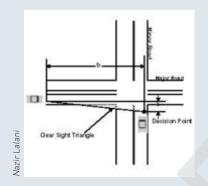
High-visibility markings include a family of crosswalk striping styles such as the "ladder" and the "triple-four." Stop bars should be striped in advance of the crosswalk on approaches controlled by a stop sign.



DIRECTIONAL CURB RAMP WITH TRUNCATED DOMES

[Geometrics/ADA Treatments]

Where right-of-way is available, directional curb ramps are installed at two per corner and guide pedestrians in to the crosswalk they would utilize to cross the street. Truncated domes provide a tactile signal to the visually impaired that they are leaving the sidewalk area. Exceptions for directional curb ramps may be allowed when physical considerations such as existing drainage or required turn radius deem infeasible. Selecting directional curb ramps as a preferred treatment does not call for retrofit of existing curb ramps, rather installation will be done oppurtunistically in scenarios such as grant funding, development review, new construction, and



REMOVAL OF SIGHT DISTANCE OBSTRUCTIONS

[Geometrics]

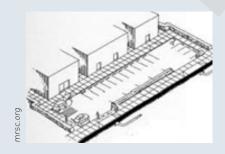
If objects impede sight distance, it may result in an unsafe condition when motorists and pedestrians are unable to see each other. Items such as parked cars, signage, landscaping, fencing, and street furniture should be placed in a location that will not obstruct sight distance.



LIMITED SIGNAGE/SIGN CLUTTER EVALUATION

[Signage]

Road signs and street signs at intersections may distract motorists from the road. Unnecessary signage should be removed and relocated to present motorists only with signage relevant to the operation of the intersection.



DRIVEWAY ACCESS MANAGEMENT

[Geometrics]

Access management strategies can reduce the number of driveway crossings pedestrians encounter and result in a wider sidewalk through more efficient allocation of space.

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TABLE C \\ SIGNAL-CONTROLLED LOCATION TOOLBOX



MARKED CROSSWALK

[Striping]

Marked crosswalks should be installed to provide designated pedestrian crossings at signalized locations, on all feasible approaches. Exceptions for striping crosswalks on all four legs of a signalized intersection may be allowed due to operational and physical considerations



ADVANCE LIMIT LINE

[Striping]

Standard advance limit (white stop) lines are placed four feet in advance of marked crosswalks



COUNTDOWN SIGNAL

[Signal Treatment]

Displays a "countdown" of the number of seconds remaining for the pedestrian crossing interval.



SLOWER WALKING SPEED

[Signal Treatment]

The California MUTCD requires that signal timings be changed to reflect 3.5 feet per second walk times rather than 4.0 feet per second. In locations adjacent to schools, senior centers, etc., a slower walk speed should be considered in signal timings.



PEDESTRIAN RECALL IN HIGH ACTIVITY PEDESTRIAN AREAS

[Signal Treatment]

Pedestrian Recall provides a guaranteed walk phase for each crossing at the signal during periods of peak pedestrian activity regardless of whether the pedestrian push button has been activated. This ensures ample time is provided for pedestrian crossings when pedestrians are typically present (even if a pedestrian fails to push the button).

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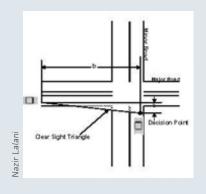
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DIRECTIONAL CURB RAMP WITH TRUNCATED DOMES & SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN PUSH BUTTONS (PPB)

[Geometrics/ADA Treatments]

When right-of-way is available, directional curb ramps are installed two per corner and guide pedestrians into the crosswalk. Truncated domes provide a tactile signal to the visually impaired that they are leaving the sidewalk area. Separated push buttons are placed within five feet of each curb ramp, one per crosswalk. Exceptions for directional curb ramps may be allowed when physical considerations such as existing drainage or required turn radius deem infeasible.



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High-visibility markings include a family of crosswalk striping styles such as the "ladder" and the "continental." High-visibility striping should be provided for crosswalks with heavy pedestrian volumes, with frequent pedestrian-vehicle conflicts (such as with permissive left turns), or at skewed intersections. One style of high-visibility striping should be selected as the City's preferred style.



ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

[ADA Treatments]

Accessible pedestrian signals communicate information about pedestrian crossings in non-visual format such as audible tones, verbal messages, and/or vibrating surfaces, providing access to the pedestrian signals for the visually impaired. Locations for accessible pedestrian signals are coordinated with the Accessibility Disability Commission.



ALL RED CLEARANCE

[Signal Treatment]

Provides a phase (1-2 seconds) where all vehicle indicators hold the red at an intersection.



LEADING PEDESTRIAN INTERVAL (LPI)

[Signal Treatment]

Provides pedestrians with a walk indicator while all vehicle indicators hold the red ball. This allows pedestrians to get a head start crossing the street before vehicles get the green indication.



SCRAMBLE PHASE

[Signal Treatment]

Provides an all-red phase for vehicles while providing pedestrians with a walk indication. Pedestrians may cross the street orthogonally or diagonally.



PROTECTED LEFTS

[Signal Treatment]

Protected left turns give vehicles that are turning left an exclusive phase that does not coincide with the pedestrian walk phase. This eliminates the pedestrian-vehicle conflict between permissive lefts and pedestrians in a crosswalk.

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FULL-TIME RECALL/FIXED TIME PEDESTRIAN INTERVALS

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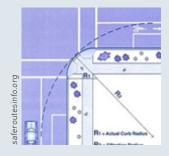
Pre-timed signals give pedestrians the walk signal without requiring push button actuation.



PROHIBITED RIGHT TURN ON RED

[Signal Treatment]

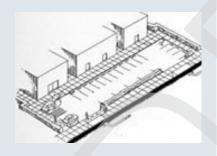
Prohibits vehicles from turning right when the signal has a red indication.



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TWO-STAGE CROSSING

[Geometrics]

This measure is similar to traditional median refuge islands except that the crosswalk is staggered such that a pedestrian crosses half the street and then must walk towards traffic to reach the second half of the crosswalk. This measure must be designed for accessibility by including rails and truncated domes to direct sight-impaired pedestrians along the path of travel.