

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Traffic Safety Commission

FROM: Ron Moreno, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: April 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Mercedes Street Crosswalks

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Traffic Safety Commission receive and file the report.

BACKGROUND: In March 2025, City of Temecula staff received a City Council request to evaluate the feasibility of enhancing visibility at existing unmarked pedestrian crossings near the intersection of Mercedes Street and Third Street, as well as at a midblock location on Mercedes Street between Third Street and Second Street. The request was prompted by concerns about pedestrian safety due to the absence of striped crosswalks and ADA-compliant ramps connecting the Old Town Parking Garage with nearby shops and restaurants along Old Town Front Street.

Following a review of site conditions, City staff concluded that improvements are warranted at both locations to enhance driver awareness of pedestrian activity and to facilitate safer, more accessible crossings. Staff recommend installing a striped crosswalk and ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps on the south leg of the intersection at Mercedes Street and Third Street. Additionally, at the midblock location approximately 175 feet north of the intersection at Mercedes Street and 2nd Street, staff propose installing a striped midblock crosswalk and ADA ramps.

As outlined in Exhibit A, the recommended improvements include two striped crosswalks and four pedestrian ramps. These enhancements aim to improve pedestrian visibility, safety, and connectivity within Old Town Temecula.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approximate costs associated for the pedestrian ramps and striping are \$50,000.

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A - Proposed Crosswalk Locations