

Old Town Victorville Executive Summary

Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training

The Community Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Training (CPBST) is a statewide project of California Walks (Cal Walks) and University of California at Berkeley's Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC). The CPBST program engages residents and safety advocates to develop a community-driven action plan to improve walking and biking safety in their communities.

The Old Town Victorville CPBST was collaboratively planned and facilitated by the City of Victorville, the Planning Committee, Cal Walks, and SafeTREC (Project Team) to:

1. Improve the walking and biking conditions for the community living in and traveling through Old Town Victorville;
2. Gather community feedback on key infrastructure projects outlined in the City's 2018 Old Town Specific Plan; and
3. Expand upon the City's efforts to revitalize Old Town Victorville in accordance with the City's 2018 Old Town Specific Plan.

The March 7, 2020 training consisted of:

- Introductory Activity;
- Walking and biking assessments along three (3) key routes;
- An overview of the 6 E's strategies to improve walking and biking safety using the intersectional 6 E's framework including: Evaluation, Equity, Engineering, Education, Encouragement, and Enforcement; and
- Action-planning sessions to prioritize and plan for community programs, and infrastructure projects.

Data

The Project Team and Planning Committee reviewed data which demonstrated a safety concern in the area. Over the 10-year period, 2009 to 2018, pedestrian and bicycle injuries appeared to be mostly stable. From 2014 to 2018, there were 11 pedestrian victims and five bicycle victims in Old Town Victorville. A full discussion of pedestrian and bicycle collision can be found on page 9 of the report report.

Figure 1: Pedestrian Injury Collisions (2014-2018)



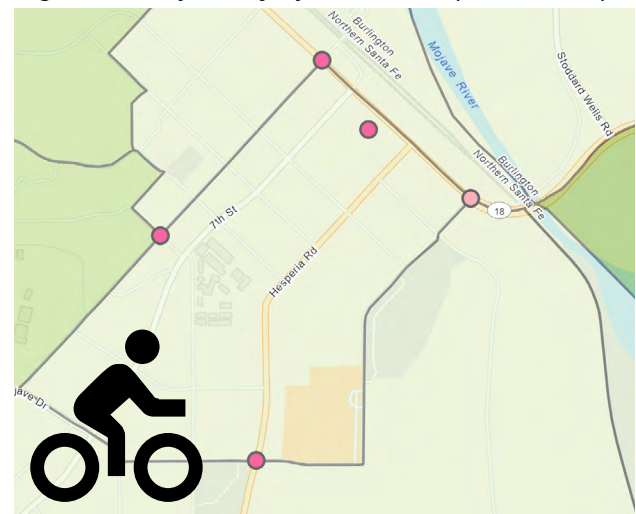
Collision Severity (2014-2018)

- Fatal 3
- Injury (Other Visible) 5
- Injury (Complaint of Pain) 3

Median Household Income

- < 35K
- 35K - 50K
- 50K - 75K

Figure 2: Bicycle Injury Collisions (2014-2018)



Collision Severity (2014-2018)

- Injury (Other Visible) 4
- Injury (Complaint of Pain) 1

Median Household Income

- < 35K
- 35K - 50K
- 50K - 75K

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The planning committee consisted of representatives from the City of Victorville, Revive Our Old Town Victorville (ROOT), St. Joseph Health-St Mary Medical Center and El Sol Neighborhood Educational Center.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

Workshop participants were community residents and people experiencing houselessness from the Old Town Victorville neighborhood, along with representatives from the City of Victorville and the Planning Committee for the training.

For a more detailed discussion of the workshop, please download the full report on [SafeTREC](#) or [Cal Walks'](#) websites.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Walking & Biking Assessment

Workshop participants conducted walking and biking assessments along three (3) key routes including C Street, 6th Street, and 7th Street to Eva Dell Park. Participants were asked to:

- Identify community assets;
- Identify issues related to infrastructure conditions; and
- Observe how road users engage with the built environment.

Participants expressed concerns around:

- Drivers traveling above the designated speed limit on 7th Street, D Street, and 6th Street;
- Lack of bike facilities in Old Town Victorville;
- The crosswalks on 6th Street/B Street, 6th Street/C Street, and 6th Street/D are unmarked, and therefore, there is no visible crossing space for pedestrians;
- Cracked and elevated sidewalks along 7th Street, between C Street and A Street;
- Lack of water fountains, shade trees, benches, and other areas to rest along 6th Street, 7th Street and D Street; and
- Empty businesses along 7th Street, from D Street to A Street, are often used as shelter for people experiencing houselessness. These buildings are not equipped for housing and residents often worry about the safety of the people using them as shelters.

Community Recommendations

During the action-planning sessions, participants prioritized and outlined preliminary plans for the following community programs and infrastructure projects aimed at increasing the health and safety of the community:

- ROOT and the Family Assistance Community Center will develop a safety educational campaign to encourage drivers to reduce their speeds in Old Town Victorville, particularly along 7th Street, at A Street, C Street, and Center Street.
- Community residents will start a walking group in Old Town Victorville to get together, promote health, and get to know the Old Town Victorville area. The walking group will start in conjunction with Movie Nights at the Park.
- The City of Victorville constructed approximately two miles of Class II bike lanes on 7th Street, from D Street to Green Tree Boulevard. However, bicyclists report that drivers veer into the bike lanes. The community recommends piloting the introduction of a physical barrier, such as bollards, on the 7th Street bike lanes.
- Workshop participants will work with the City of Victorville to assess the feasibility of installing a speed radar feedback sign with safety messaging in front of Guadalajara Meat Market on 7th Street and longer pedestrian crossing times at the B Street/7th Street intersection. Workshop participants will work with Caltrans District 8 to assess pedestrian crossing times and restrict driver right-hand turns on red at the D Street/7th Street intersection.

Cal Walks & SafeTREC Recommendations

The following are recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements:

- Leverage statewide funding sources for infrastructure improvements;
- Develop a Community Land Trust;
- Form a Business Improvement District in Old Town Victorville; and
- City of Victorville to increase collaboration on infrastructure projects with Caltrans.