Multimodal Safety in Colorado Springs

COS Walkability Summit
for City Council Working Session

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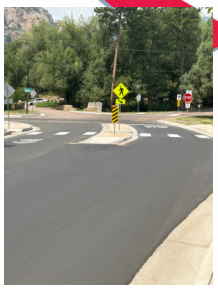
Traffic Engineering Mission

To provide safe and efficient movement of people using all modes of travel within the public rights-of-way

Multimodal goals:

- Improve pedestrian routes and crossings
  - Uncontrolled crossing policy
- Add safe and connected bike routes, lanes and crossings
- Install audible pedestrian push buttons
- Expand bike route wayfinding
- Update the City's Bike Master Plan



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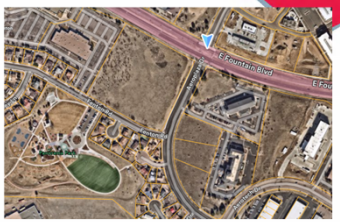
Partnership with Walkability Summit

- Walkability Summit 2023
  - New sidewalk on Aeroplaza Dr
- Walkability Summit Committee Member
- Walkability Summit, September 2025
- Safety Action Plan stakeholder



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Safety Action Plan

- Safety Action Plan (SAP) kicked off in early 2025
- SAP includes improving safety for all modes of transportation
- Outreach efforts for the SAP included:
  - SE Farmer's Market (2)
  - Sand Creek Library
  - Southeast CommUnity Meeting
  - Get Outdoors Day

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Pedestrian Safety in 2025, Jan to August

- 40 Crossing improvements; citizen concerns and internal projects
- 4 Improved trail crossings
- 2 HAWK signals in design
- 5 Trail crossing improvements completed designs

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2025 Trail Crossing Improvements

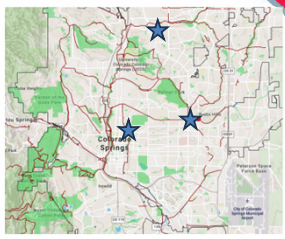
Northern Crossing: Dublin Park

Completed Winter/Spring 2025

- Shooks Run Trail Crossing at Uintah Street (coordination with El Paso St. light)
- Rock Island Trail Crossing at Murray Blvd
- Cottonwood Creek Trail at Dublin Blvd

Rock Island Trail at Murray

Shooks Run at Uintah St.



Project Locations

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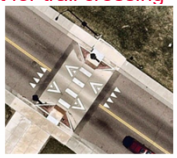
Upcoming Projects

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant - 2025 & 2026

- 5 Trail crossing improvements (2025)
  Pedestrian refuge islands, RRFBs, bump outs and/or raised crosswalks
- 8 School crossing improvements (2026)
  Raised crosswalks

Coordination with Parks Dept for trail crossing improvements



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Upcoming Projects

Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Demonstration Grant, 27 pilot projects

- Neighborhood traffic circles
- Raised pedestrian crossings
- Speed activated flashing warning signs
- Speed activated school zone signs
- Protected bike lanes

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Questions?

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