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## City of San Diego Improves Crosswalks in Time for Students Going Back to School

INTERSECTIONS AT SEVERAL SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN UPDATED WITH NEW AND INCREASED SAFETY FEATURES

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego is making safety improvements to several key intersections ahead of students going back to school this month. Over the last few weeks, crews from the City's Transportation Department have added or refreshed crosswalks outside 11 schools located in Hillcrest, Logan Heights, 4S Ranch, Chollas View, City Heights, Pacific Beach, Loma Portal, Mira Mesa, Scripps Ranch, Point Loma and Cherokee Point.

"Providing the latest and most effective safety features for pedestrians and all road users is one of the highest priorities of the Transportation Department," said Transportation Director Bethany Bezak. "In this case, we were able to maximize our available funding by making data-driven decisions on which school crossings to refresh as students and their families prepare for the backto-school season."

Upgrades to intersections include installing or repainting continental crosswalks, which provide greater visibility and improved guidance for pedestrians and motorists. Thermoplastic pavement painting and school crossing signs have been added in both directions to provide drivers with advanced notice before approaching the crosswalk. While crews were on site at these locations, they also refreshed street infrastructure, including repainting curbs and re-striping nearby roadway markings.

The safety upgrades and new crosswalks were selected based on location data generated by <u>Get It Done</u> reports and other requests for service. The schools where nearby crosswalks were updated include:

- Florence Elementary School
- King-Chavez Primary Academy
- Del Norte High School & Design 39 Campus Elementary
- America's Finest Charter School
- Clark Middle School
- Sessions Elementary School
- Loma Portal Elementary School
- Jerabek Elementary School

- Point Loma High School
- Edison Elementary School
- Sandburg Elementary School

Upgrades to these crosswalks near City schools come as Mayor Todd Gloria's FY25 "Protecting Our Progress" Budget provides record investments in street repair, critical infrastructure and pedestrian safety. This latest budget allocates more than \$40 million within the Transportation Department to implement the City's Vision Zero goals to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries in San Diego. This includes projects and safety improvements to intersections, bicycle facilities, guardrails, sidewalks, streetlights, traffic signals and medians.

To view construction, street repair, and other projects and events near you, visit The City's interactive <u>Project Finder Map</u>.

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