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City of Ventura Improves Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety on Telegraph Road

The Anacapa Safe Routes to School Improvement Project is nearing completion and includes a new signalized intersection at College Drive, new pedestrian crossing at Glen Ellen Drive, green bike lanes and bike boxes, additional access ramps to Anacapa Middle School, nearly a mile of improved sidewalks, and street resurfacing with new striping. The new pedestrian crossing at Glen Ellen Drive and the new signalized intersection at College Drive is pending an energized activation and anticipated for full service on January 22, 2020.

The new pedestrian crosswalk at Glenn Ellen Drive (see Figure 1) features flashing beacons, illuminated pedestrian signage, curb extensions, and a pedestrian refuge island for those needing additional time to navigate the crossing. Motorists are required to stop for pedestrians at the designated yield lines, and pedestrians are advised to begin crossing once vehicles have stopped. A preliminary crossing guard will assist students in navigating the use of the new crosswalk before school and after school hours during this initial period. The City and the Ventura Unified School District will continue to collaborate and monitor the crosswalk's safety needs and determine a timespan of the presence of a crossing guard.

The newly placed green bike lanes and bike boxes (see Figure 2) assist both motorists and cyclists to increase awareness of each other. Students traveling to Anacapa Middle School are reminded to ride with the flow of traffic and use the bike lanes when possible. Riding on sidewalks against the flow of traffic is dangerous and should be avoided when possible.

This project is funded from a Safe Routes to School grant through Caltrans, which identified challenging pedestrian and bicyclist access to nearby Anacapa Middle School due to the lack of sidewalk, bike lanes, and crossing locations. Based on the traffic volume and collision analysis, the traffic signal installation at College Drive was identified and was needed to meet the grant requirements. This is the first Safe Routes to School project within the Active Transportation Program for the City and will be followed by the upcoming Montalvo Safe Routes to School project expected for early 2021.

Telegraph Road now has newly finished pavement from the Five Points intersection to Ashwood Avenue. Other paving projects are scheduled to begin in the spring of this year at Victoria Avenue, Ralston Street, and Johnson Drive. More information on recently completed and upcoming paving projects can be found on the City's website at <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/490/Streets-Sidewalks>.

Figure 1:

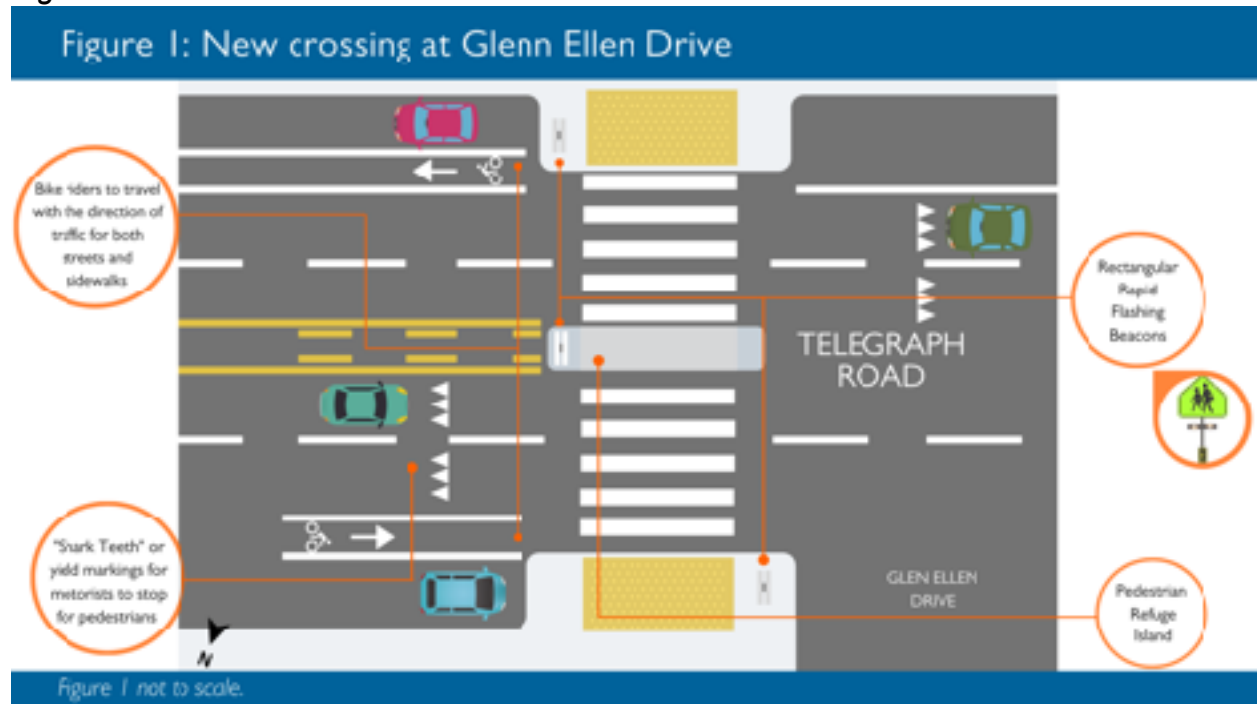
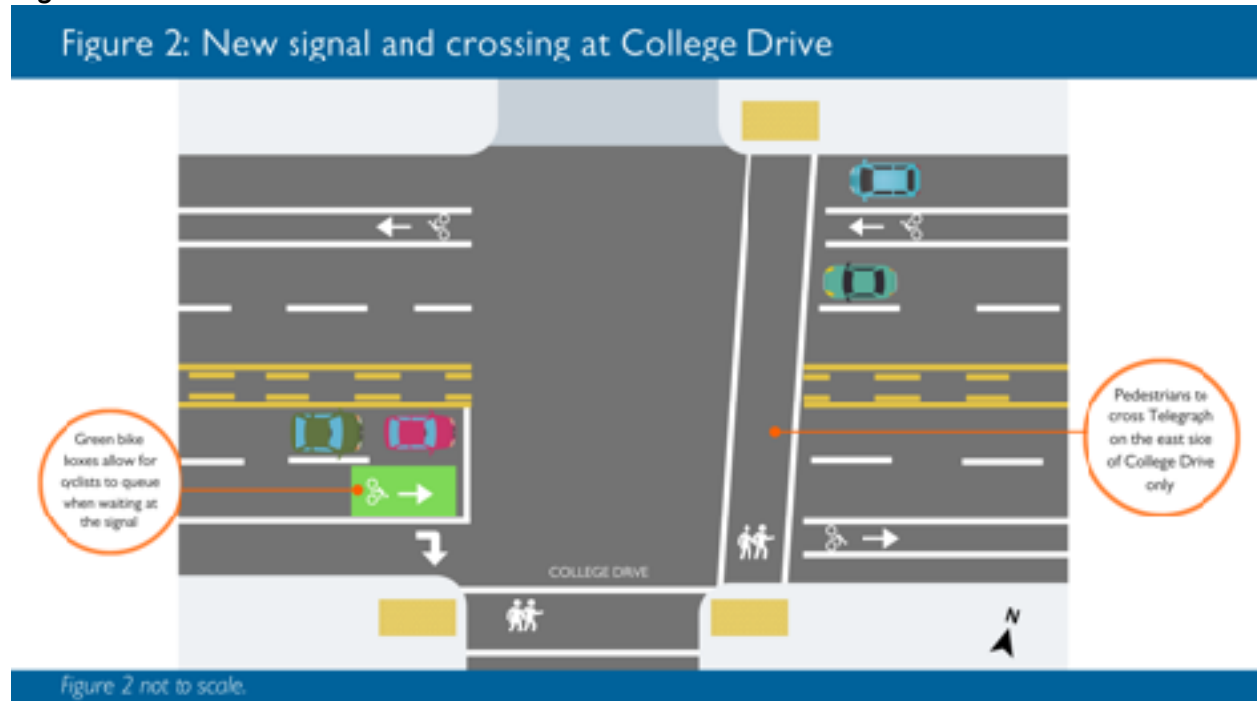


Figure 2:



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