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Implementation Begins, Little Street Redesign Project for Esperanza Elementary

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The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) in partnership with the Office of Councilmember Gil Cedillo has begun implementation of the Little Street Redesign Project for Esperanza Elementary as part of the City's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program. Construction on the project involves collaboration between LADOT, Department of Public Works Bureau of Streets Services (StreetsLA), and the Bureau of Street Lighting.

"Opportunity begins with our kids getting to and from school safely," said LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds. "This project delivers on the promise of providing safe streets for the children of Esperanza Elementary so they can arrive at school ready to learn."

Little Street Redesign Project is an innovative reconfiguration of the school entrance block for Esperanza Elementary helping 830 students arriving and departing campus, with an emphasis on the 80 percent who walk. Little Street is a sub-element of the [Esperanza Elementary School SRTS Plan](#). SRTS garnered \$29M in 2018 to fund the build-out of capital safety improvements on routes to Esperanza Elementary School and four adjacent LAUSD schools. The current construction on Little Street will provide near-term safety improvements in advance of the capital project build-out. This is the first of SRTS's "school entrance block redesign" initiative, which uses innovative design to improve safety within school zones, particularly for students, walking and cycling to and from school.

Safety improvements include:

- One-way street configuration calms and streamlines vehicle operations, increasing the safety of people walking.
- Valet lane channels drivers through a dedicated vehicle drop-off/pick-up lane while valet staff assists students to exit and enter the car.
- Center median with short term parking increases community space while helping to improve driver awareness and visibility of people walking.
- New crosswalk, ramps, curb extensions, and flashing beacon at 7th Street/Beacon Ave provide an additional, convenient route to school for pedestrians.

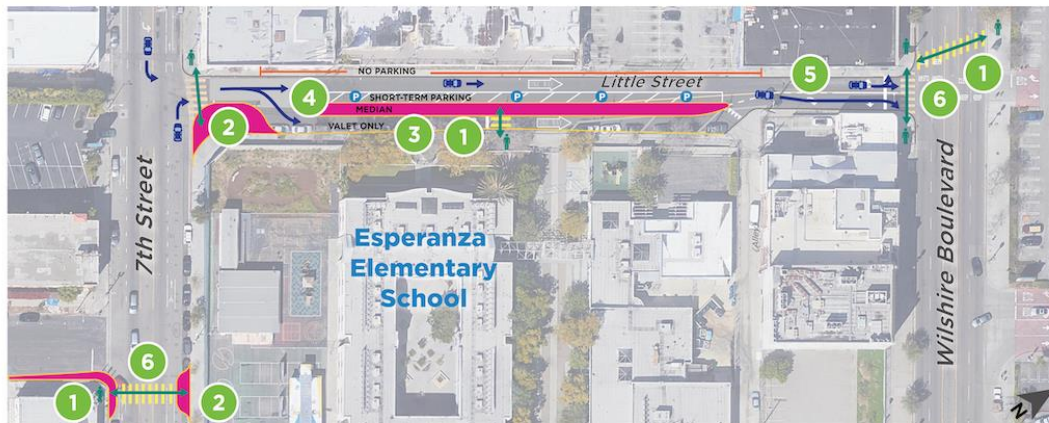


- New traffic signal at Little St./Wilshire Boulevard provides a new crossing on a preferred route to school.
- Shortened crosswalk and a curb extension heightens driver awareness of people walking.

The Little Street Redesign Project was made possible in part with funding by the Office of Councilmember Gil Cedillo's commitment of the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles (CRA\LA) Bond Proceeds.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL LOS ANGELES

BIG CHANGES COMING TO LITTLE STREET! Safety Improvements Between 7th Street & Wilshire Blvd



- 1 New Crosswalks to increase safety of preferred routes for students walking
- 2 Curb Extensions to shorten crossing distance
- 3 Dedicated Safety Valet Lane to streamline and calm vehicular movements
- 4 Drop-off/Pick-up Median with mid-block crossing and adjacent parking
- 5 One-way Traffic Operations to simplify movement for all modes
- 6 New Signal to provide new, safe crossings for students walking



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