



**CITY of CALABASAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE:** OCTOBER 28, 2024

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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**SUBJECT:** RECEIPT OF COMPLETE STREETS SAFETY ASSESSMENT (CSSA)

**MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 13, 2024

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**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive the report on the City's Complete Streets Safety Assessment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A Complete Streets Safety Assessment (CSSA) is a comprehensive safety assessment focused on bicycle and pedestrian safety on roadways. The assessment is designed to assist communities in identifying and implementing proven solutions to improve safety for all roadway users.

In January of this year, staff applied to the University of California Berkeley's Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC) CSSA program to complete an assessment in the City of Calabasas (City). SafeTREC receives annual funding for this program through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The City was successful in its application and a team from transportation consultant Fehr & Peers was assigned to the City by the SafeTREC program. Initial meetings between City staff and Fehr & Peers were held to convey City priorities. In the grant application, staff requested to study locations including: Park Granada and the Calabasas Park area; the entirety of Calabasas Road; Las Virgenes Road; Lost Hills Road; portions of Mulholland Highway; Paul Revere Drive; and a portion of Calabasas Road. The CSSA grant, which did not require matching funds from the

City, was limited to those locations that could be walked in one day of field work. Based on priority, the City and Fehr & Peers decided on studying the Mulholland Highway Corridor between Old Topanga Canyon Road (Calabasas High School) and Paul Revere Drive (A.C. Stelle Middle School) and Calabasas Road between Mureau Road and Parkway Calabasas.

In May, a walk audit was completed in these areas. City and Fehr & Peers staff walked the project locations and observed traffic patterns during the morning drop-off at A.C. Stelle Middle School and Calabasas High School and then walked the Calabasas Road section. Through the walk audit, several projects that can be implemented in the future were identified. During the audit, City staff was able to provide historical context to assist in the development of recommendations provided by the assessment. After the audit, City and Fehr & Peers staff completed a summary activity where each member of the walk separately noted on printed maps what was observed and discussed; together, the group prioritized solutions to be included in the report.

In July 2024, a draft report was submitted to the City for review. The draft report was presented to the Traffic and Transportation Commission at its Regular July 23, 2024 meeting. Commissioners did not make any specific comments related to the draft report. A copy of this presentation is provided in Attachment B, and the meeting can be viewed at [https://calabasas.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=12&clip\\_id=7747](https://calabasas.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=12&clip_id=7747).

Key findings from the audit include enhancing pedestrian safety and access, improving transit stop amenities, performing further studies for bicycle infrastructure (which will be completed with the City's Safe Streets for All grant), exploring school zone treatments on campus, exploring options to restrict right-turn movements where there are heavy conflicts, updating Corridor Plans to include Safe System approaches, and standardizing City intersections with pedestrian amenities.

**FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Currently, there is no fiscal impact associated with this report. The assessment did not require local funds and was completed through funding from OTS which provided SafeTREC with a grant that provided this opportunity to 16 communities. Staff will seek to implement the strategies identified in the assessment in the future as funding sources become available through either the City's Capital Improvement Program or grants.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Receive and file this report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Calabasas Complete Streets Safety Assessment
- B. Fehr & Peers CSSA Recommendations Presentation