



City of  
**LANCASTER**  
Demonstration Project  
September 16, 2023



On September 16, 2023 the City of Lancaster hosted a *Go Human Kit of Parts Demonstration* at the *Lancaster Walk N Roll Fest*. This was the City's first open streets event, providing an opportunity for 300+ attendees to reimagine streets while walking, biking, rollerblading, or pushing a stroller in a car-free environment. The event included a temporary protected bike lane, parklet, curb extension, and median refuge island to showcase the various improvements that could be implemented around Lancaster.

# Project Goals

In partnership with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and with support from California Walks, the City of Lancaster led a temporary traffic safety demonstration project as a part of their Walk N Roll Fest. The deployment aimed to introduce the community to street design treatments that can potentially improve the safety of people walking and biking in Lancaster. By creating opportunities for the community to experience curb extensions, bike lanes, a median refuge island, and a parklet, participants experienced the benefits firsthand. Partners and participants connected with City representatives and volunteers to actively support safety treatments in Lancaster.

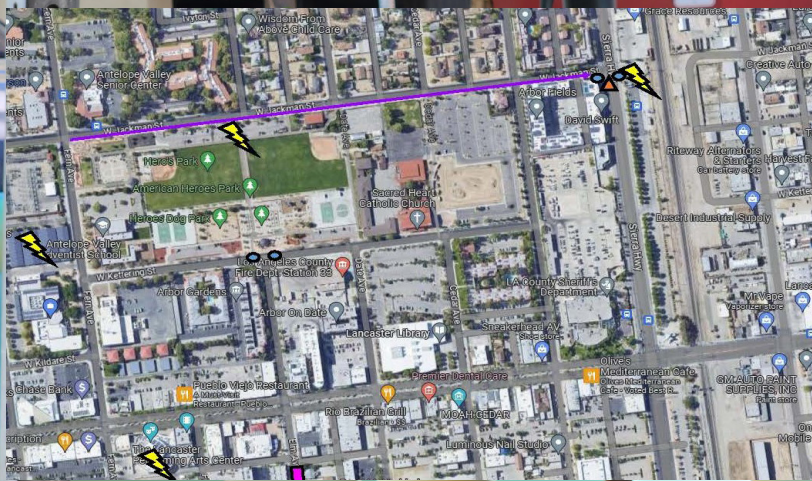
- ✔ Promote walking, bicycling, and healthy active living among community members.
- ✔ Provide education on and build awareness around safe walking and bicycling.
- ✔ Collect feedback and input from the community.
- ✔ Provide an opportunity to experience various treatments for the community to consider.

## Advisory Committee

Representatives from the following agencies convened to organize the event:

- City of Lancaster
- Antelope Valley Partners for Health

## Demonstration Elements



Aerial view of curb extensions, parklet, and protected bike lane locations during the Walk N Roll Fest.



The pop-up parklet provided additional curbside seating for people to relax at the event.

# Community Feedback



## Top barriers to walking/biking more in the community:

- Lack of infrastructure to support more walking and biking, such as dedicated bike lanes
- High volume traffic



## Top ways to improve the experience for people walking:

- Increase access to sidewalks
- Increase shade to encourage people to walk, especially during warmer weather



## Top ways to improve the experience for people bicycling:

- Install bike lanes protected from vehicles
- Install more bike parking



1 Community members gather at the parklet located on Elm Street to rest and enjoy the shade.

2 Families biked and walked to the event and tested the pop-up safety improvements that throughout the neighborhood.

3 Peace, Love, and Skate hosted a pop-up skating rink during the Walk N Roll Fest. Community members participated with complimentary skate rentals.



4 Antelope Valley Partners for Health volunteers engaged residents about their walking and biking safety priorities in the neighborhood.

5 Vendors and community resource groups lined Lancaster Boulevard and engaged with residents.

# Community Feedback

**47** responses **300+** Attendees

**95%**

reported the demonstrations helped them understand the value of safe infrastructure

**87%**

would like to see separated bike lanes permanently installed

**83%**

would like to see parklets permanently installed

**76%**

had never attended a community meeting hosted by the City to discuss transportation improvements

“Walkable cities are vital to promoting an active and healthy lifestyle, as well as fostering a connected and social community.”

Lancaster Resident



## Next Steps

- As 76% of attendees had never attended a community meeting hosted by the City to discuss transportation improvements in their community, more community engagement is needed;
- Host an annual Walk N Roll Fest event to provide opportunities for community education and engagement about possible roadway treatments to improve safety;
- Identify locations in Lancaster that may benefit from the permanent installation of protected bike lanes and curb extensions; and,
- Continue working with the City of Lancaster and Antelope Valley Partners for Health to engage residents and learn about the community's walking and biking safety priorities



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This project was undertaken as part of the Southern California Association of Governments' *Go Human* Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign. *Go Human* is a community outreach and advertising campaign with the goals of reducing traffic collisions in Southern California and encouraging people to walk and bike more. SCAG hopes to create safer and healthier cities through education, advocacy, information sharing, and events that help residents re-envision their neighborhoods.