

# Atascadero Public Safety For Pedestrians

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# Safety for pedestrians in atascadero

- **Traffic crossings in atascadero are not safe enough**
- **People especially young people do not feel safe walking around town**
- **There needs to be safer ways for students to walk to the middle school or high school**
- **Our goal is to make atascadero a safer place for people to walk in**

# Public Outreach

## Peers

- Reports of not feeling safe enough while walking down El Camino after 5pm.
- When put on a 1-5 scale of how safe they are feeling while walking the average score was 3.
- More lighting around El Camino.

## Family

- Hard to see crosswalk from Gas Station to sunken.
- Worry about kids on bikes being struck due to unkept bike lanes.
- Suggested a plan to implement reflective crosswalks.

## Neighbors

- Expressed concern of Traffic accidents such as the most recent one across from Vons.
- Also mentioned that lack of lighting after sunset.

# Research

- **Why is it a problem?** As concluded in our Public outreach many residents of town agree that Pedestrian safety is a major concern.
- **Who does it affect?** This problem is one that goes for everyone. But especially middle schoolers who frequently roam the streets.
- **Is it complicated?** No, improving safety of its Bi Pedal citizens should be the cities main priority.
- **What else should the city know?** An overwhelming majority of citizens feel unsafe while walking through town.

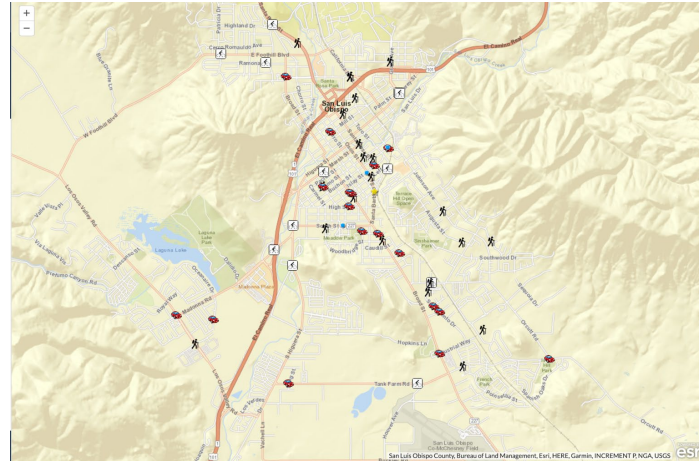


# Case Study

## San Luis Obispo.

### Vision Zero.

- **What is it?** Vision Zero is an idea/non profit campaign that started in Sweden of 1922, the vision aims to eliminate all accidents involving traffic.
- **Why it matters?** The county of San Luis Obispo has adopted this idea and has reduced reported collisions by 55% as of 2002.
- **What was the effect?** By partnering with Vision Zero SLO has reduced reported traffic accidents by 55% since 2002.
- **How was this Achieved?** Through partnering with the Annual Safety Traffic Program the two allow for reports of unsafe pedestrian destinations and strifes to adjust and overcome those hazards.



# Solutions

- **Properly lit crosswalks for at night**
- **Have crosswalks painted a more visible color for during the day**
- **More protected left turns at crosswalks**
- **Lower speed limit in downtown atascadero**

# Problems with the Downtown Atascadero Infrastructure Enhancement Plan

- We are making more needles traffic
- We are putting more people in the road Which is the problem we are trying to Solve
- The disabled parking does not work the Way intended
- Having parking like this on a cramped busy one way street that is also a one way is just asking for trouble



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