

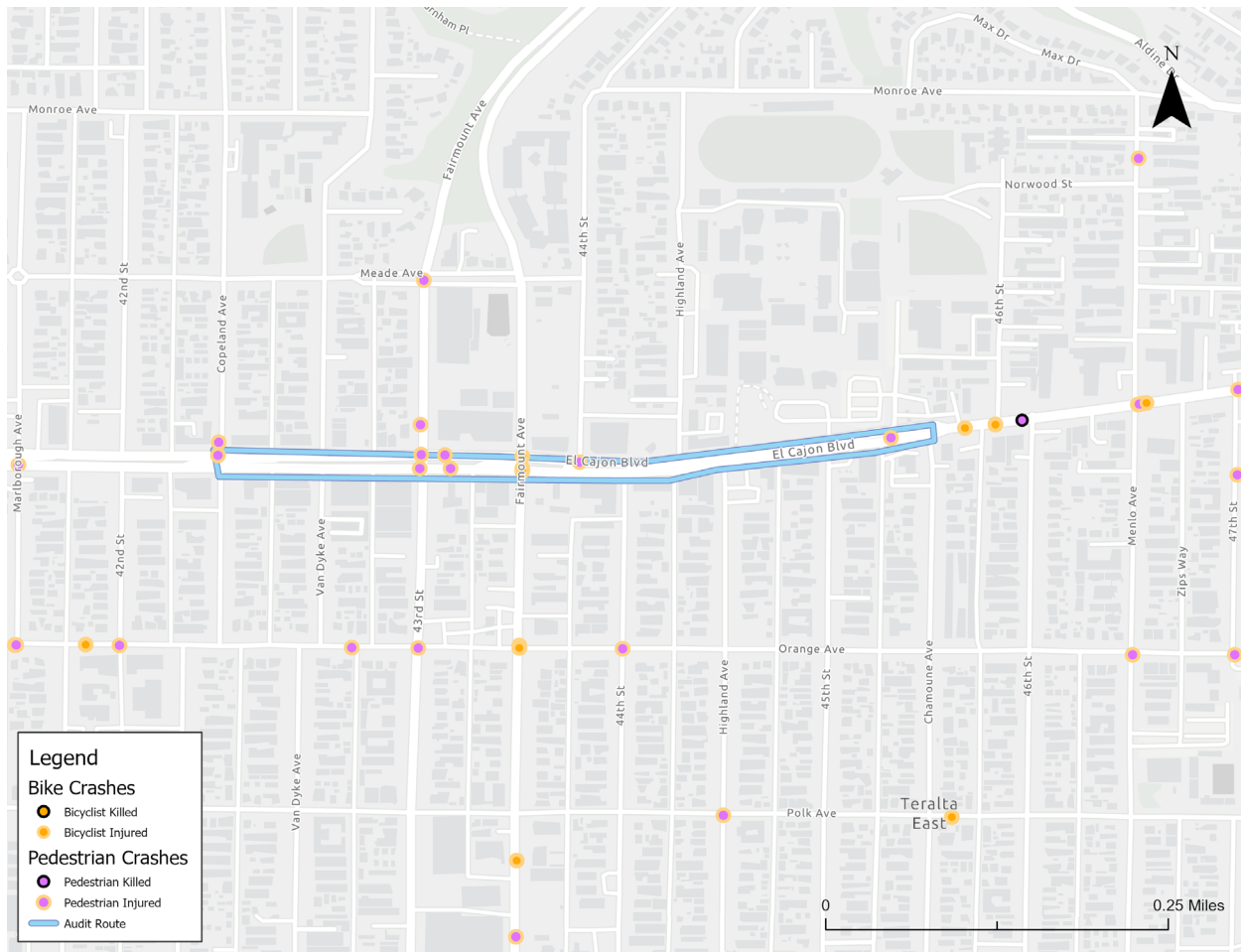
# Pedestrian Audit #9: Harris Family Senior Residence

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The purpose of the pedestrian audit was to identify safety concerns, gaps, and deficiencies in the pedestrian and bicycle network around City Heights. This audit was conducted in coordination with Serving Seniors. Participants provided input on issues that make the pedestrian and bicyclist experience unsafe or uncomfortable along the route as well as what improvements they would like to see implemented.

The pedestrian field trip was attended by Circulate San Diego, Serving Seniors staff, and residents of the Harris Family Senior Residence. This audit took place along El Cajon Boulevard between Chamoune Avenue and Copeland Avenue. Between 2019-2023, there were 41 pedestrians injured, 1 pedestrian killed, and 12 bicyclists injured within a quarter mile of the route (see Figure 1). On November 18, 2019, 66-year-old pedestrian Mai Le was struck and killed by a driver while crossing El Cajon Boulevard near 46th Street.



**FIGURE 1. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FATALITIES AND INJURIES PROXIMATE TO THE HARRIS FAMILY SENIOR RESIDENCE (2019-2023)**



**FIGURE 2. HARRIS FAMILY SENIOR RESIDENCE AUDIT**



**FIGURE 3: PARTICIPANTS OBSERVED MISSING CURB RAMP ALONG THE ALLEY BETWEEN HIGHLAND AVENUE AND 45TH STREET**



**FIGURE 4: PARTICIPANTS HAD A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH DRIVERS TURNING LEFT WHILE THEY CROSSED THE INTERSECTION AT 43RD STREET AND EL CAJON BOULEVARD**

Throughout the audit, participants observed a lack of shade along El Cajon Boulevard and noted several driver infractions, such as drivers failing to yield to pedestrians, encroaching on crosswalks, and obstructing sidewalks (Figure 2). In addition, several bus stops were found to lack amenities like shelters, which contributed to the group's discomfort caused by the absence of shade along the corridor. A particularly concerning observation, shown in Figure 3, was the missing curb ramp at an alley between 45th Street and Highland Avenue, where several participants had difficulty navigating the curb. Faded or missing crosswalks were also noted, particularly west of Fairmount Avenue and near Herbert Hoover High School on Chamoune Avenue. The group also encountered multiple near-misses, especially at the intersection of 43rd Street and El Cajon Boulevard, where drivers nearly turned left into crossing pedestrians (Figure 4). This intersection also has a short crossing window, which made it difficult for participants using mobility aids to navigate the uneven pavement. Additionally, participants noted the absence of signage indicating the presence of senior residents in the area, as well as the lack of audible crossing signals. This pedestrian audit reinforced the need for standardized infrastructure, including audible signals, extended pedestrian countdowns, and reduced crossing distances to ensure individuals of all ages and abilities can travel safely.

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