

Pedestrian Audit #5: Feaster Charter School

Address: 670 Flower St, Chula Vista, CA 91910

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The purpose of the audit was to identify safety concerns, gaps and deficiencies in the pedestrian network around Feaster Charter. This activity was coordinated with staff from Feaster Charter. Participants provided input on issues that make walking and biking unsafe or uncomfortable along the route. The group specifically observed conditions during Feaster Charter's drop-off hours. The pedestrian audit was attended by Circulate San Diego, Feaster Charter families, City of Chula Vista's Engineering Department, Chula Vista Elementary School District staff, and staff from Feaster Charter.

Feaster Charter is located in the northwestern portion of the City of Chula Vista. This pedestrian audit took place along Flower Street, Broadway, F Street, Woodlawn Avenue, E Street, and Jefferson Avenue. Between 2019-2023, there were 29 pedestrians injured, 1 pedestrian killed, and 9 bicyclists injured within a quarter mile of the audit route (see Figure 1). Just four days prior to this audit, 66-year-old Susie Gonzalez was killed by a 94-year-old driver while walking across the intersection of E Street and Woodlawn Avenue.

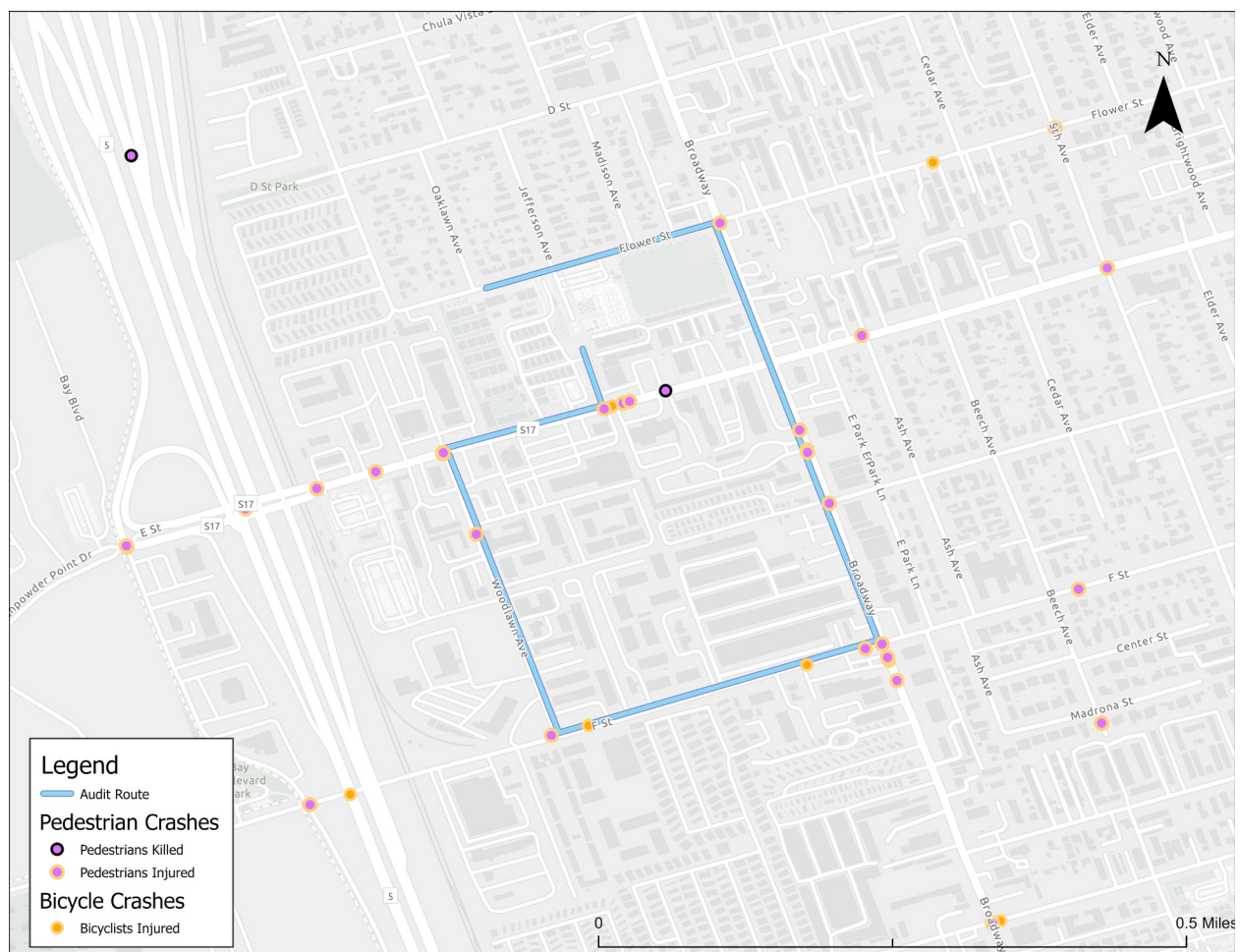


FIGURE 1. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FATALITIES AND INJURIES PROXIMATE TO FEASTER CHARTER (2019-2023)

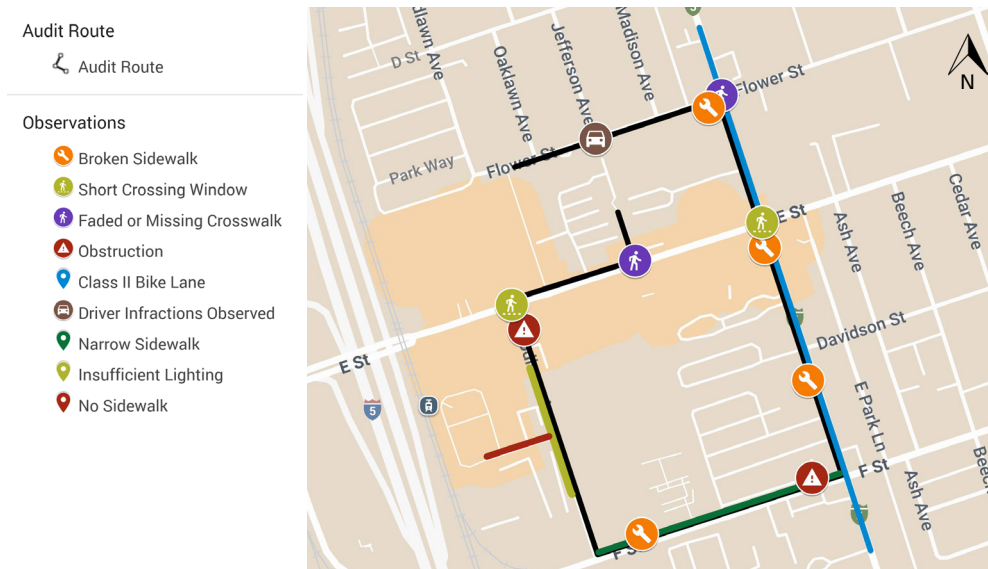


FIGURE 2. FEASTER CHARTER PEDESTRIAN AUDIT RESULTS

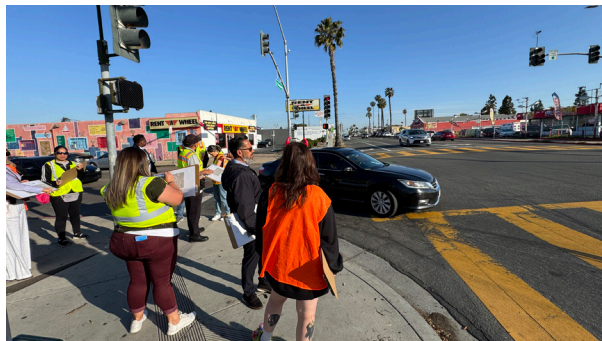


FIGURE 3. THE AUDIT GROUP EVALUATING THE INTERSECTION OF FLOWER STREET AND BROADWAY WHICH WAS NOTED TO CAUSE ISSUES DURING SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP



FIGURE 4. AN UNMARKED CROSSING AT E STREET AND JEFFERSON AVENUE WHICH WAS NOTED TO BE MISSING A YELLOW CROSSWALK AS IT IS NEXT TO THE SCHOOL

The audit took place during the drop-off hours of Feaster Charter. According to the Feaster Charter community, traffic conditions during the drop-off and pick-up windows create unsafe conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers. The intersection of Flower Street and Broadway creates a bottleneck due to inadequate signal timing (see Figure 3). When heading east on Flower Street, this intersection has one lane along with a short right-turn lane. Due to the lack of a left turn signal, and a short green light window overall, the group noticed the gradual build up of cars. During the observation, the group also noticed that the school had multiple drop-off points. The entry drop-off point at Flower Street and Jefferson Avenue contributed to the congestion due to cars entering and leaving the parking lot. The group agreed that adjusting the signal timing and improving the right-turn lane and streamlining the drop-off/pick-up location to one access point would go a long way into alleviating the congestion. Broadway is equipped with a Class-II bike lane, which is helpful as the school has started initiatives to get more kids to cycle. The group mentioned a desire to see more bicycle infrastructure installed in the adjacent areas. At the intersection of E Street and Jefferson Avenue, the group noticed a missing yellow crosswalk. This intersection is directly adjacent to Feaster Charter and Howard Gardner Community School which means it should be equipped with a yellow crosswalk. Overall, the group would like to see more crosswalks, such as RRFBs or HAWKS, installed along E Street as safe crossings were noted to be far apart from each other.

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