

Montgomery Middle School Pedestrian Audit

Address: 2470 Ulric St, San Diego, CA 92111

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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 Montgomery Middle School. 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 audit was attended by Circulate San Diego and Montgomery Middle's Associated Student Body students, their teacher, and the school's principal. This audit took place along Ulric Street, Linda Vista Road, Comstock Street, and Fulton Street. Between 2020-2024, there were seven bicyclists injured and 17 pedestrians injured within a quarter mile of the route (see Figure 1). On November 28, 2023, a 16-year-old skateboarder was killed by a driver while crossing the intersection of Genesee Avenue and Osler Street. Later, on February 3, 2025, a 16-year-old bicyclist was injured when a driver turning right struck them as they rode straight along Ulric Street south of Linda Vista Road.

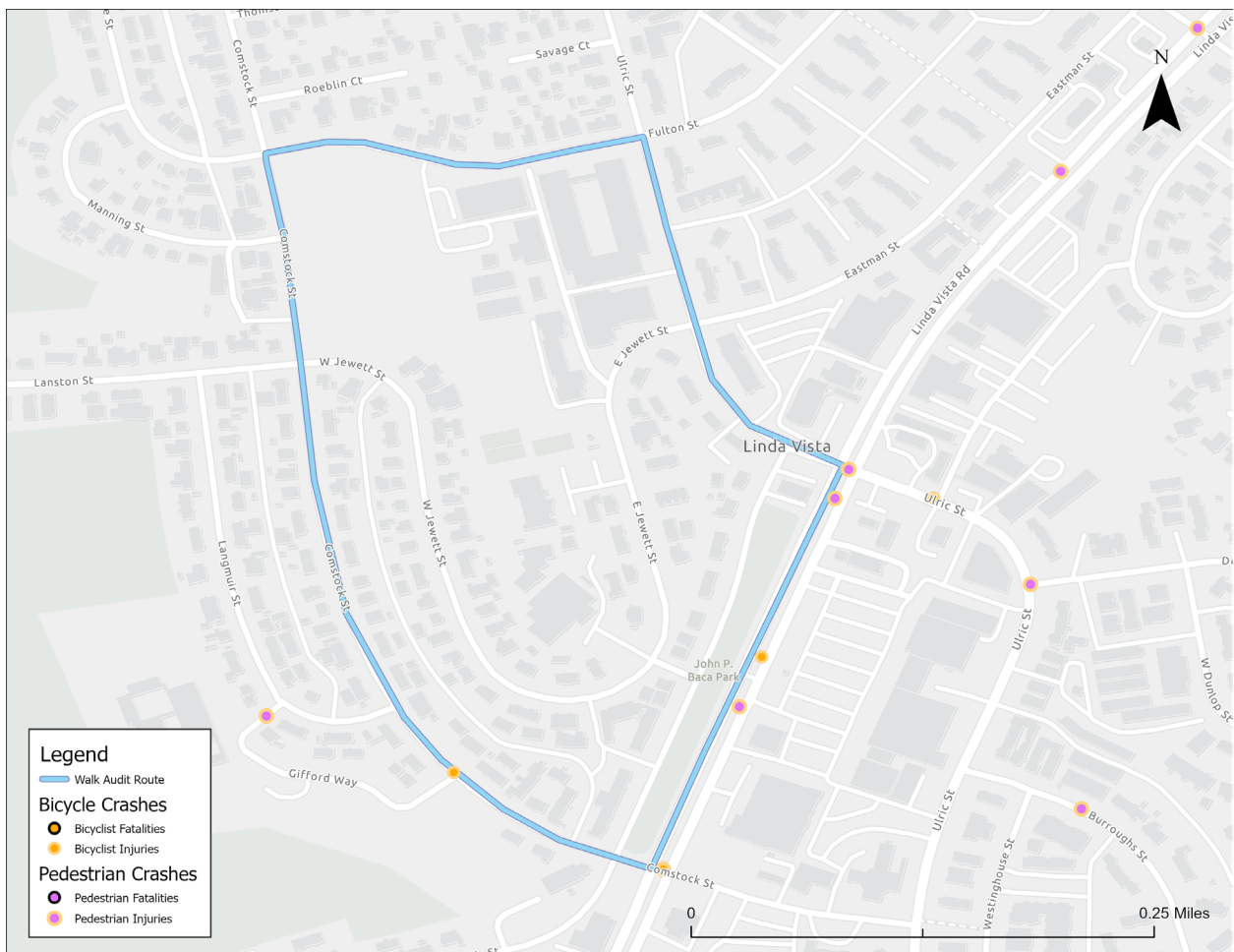
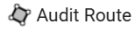


FIGURE 1. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE FATALITIES AND INJURIES PROXIMATE TO MONTGOMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL (2020-2024)

Audit Route



Observations

- No Shade
- Faded Crosswalk
- Obstruction
- No Crosswalk
- Class II Bike Lane
- Narrow Sidewalk
- Flooding

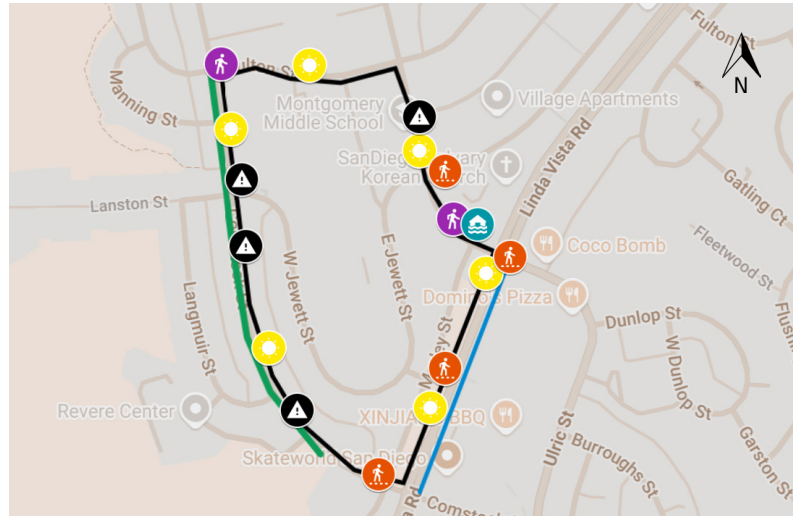


FIGURE 2. MONTGOMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDIT RESULTS



FIGURE 3: FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE AUDIT THERE WAS NO SHADE AND POOR PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE.



FIGURE 4: STUDENTS NAVIGATING PLANT OVERGROWTH AND NARROW SIDEWALKS ALONG COMSTOCK STREET.

Throughout the pedestrian audit, participants observed faded and missing crosswalks, plant overgrowth obstructing sidewalks, flooding, and narrow pedestrian pathways around Montgomery Middle School (Figure 2). A majority of students live close enough to walk, bike, or roll to campus, and the principal requested this audit due to ongoing safety concerns during students' commutes to and from school. Participants first noticed the lack of comfort in the surrounding pedestrian infrastructure. Throughout the audit, there was little shade and poor pedestrian infrastructure (Figure 3). The principal and students shared how hot it becomes during the summer months, making it uncomfortable to travel to school. Every intersection on the audit had a faded or missing crosswalk, including the mid-block crossing on Linda Vista Road, students said the intersection of Morley Street and Comstock Street is unsafe due to speeding drivers trying to make the light and ignoring pedestrians waiting to cross at the RFRB. Conditions worsened along Comstock Street where participants had to walk single-file on narrow sidewalks, navigating heavy plant overgrowth that at times fully obstructed the pathway. (see Figure 4). The principal and students noted that Comstock Street's narrow sidewalks are frustrating, as many students and community members use the route to get to school, the nearby temple, and local businesses. This highlights the need for wider sidewalks, a raised crosswalk on Comstock and Morley Streets, high-visibility crosswalks, and more shade to improve pedestrian safety and comfort.

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