

# Santa Monica

## Vision Zero Action Plan in Action

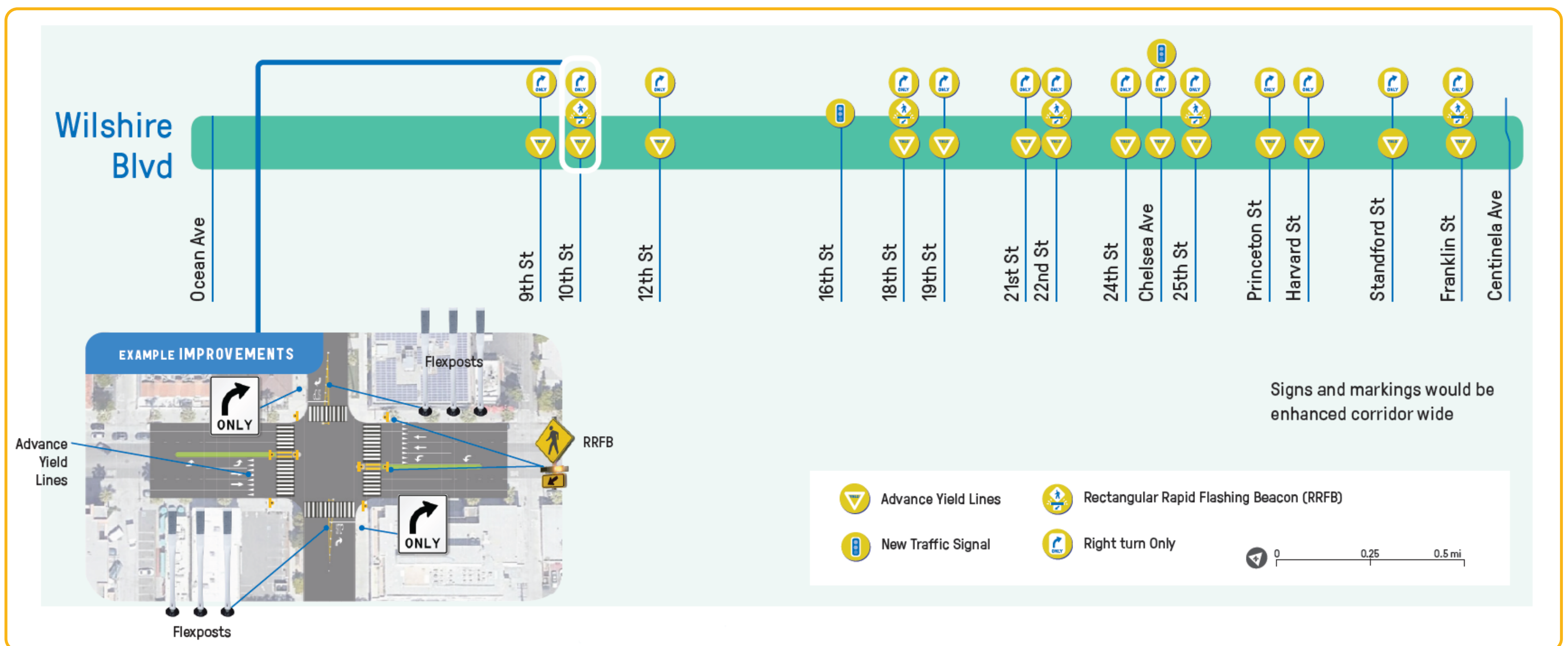
### » Wilshire Boulevard Safety Enhancements



Wilshire Boulevard, a major transit and commercial corridor from the coastline to the City's eastern border, was identified as an area of concern by the City's Vision Zero Action Plan (2016) which found that it contains 4 of the City's top 10 priority intersections. Through a robust community process, this multi-phase project incorporates feedback from residents, businesses, and visitors into the quick build and long-term infrastructure safety improvements.

**PHASE 1:** Implementation of right-turn only restrictions at 14 unsignalized intersections and 9 rectangular rapid flash beacons. Bus improvements including stops clearly marked with red pavement and co-location of loading spaces to minimize stop blockages. Corridor-wide signs and markings upgrades, including treatments to organize off-set intersections.

**PHASE 2:** Enhancing 7 additional intersections with safety treatments, including 2 new traffic signals, and curb extensions with special focus near parks, schools, commercial, hospital, and mixed-use developments.



#### Community Outreach:

The City conducted multi-year engagement through a wide variety of outreach methods ranging from postcards, online platforms, community meetings, and street banners targeting an array of populations that use the corridor such as seniors, students and staff of preschools and day schools.

#### Data:

60% of fatal and severe injury crashes on Wilshire Blvd. involve pedestrians. These occur at a rate nearly 50% greater than citywide. At unsignalized locations, 20% of crashes involve left-turn or through movement originating from side streets despite representing only 1% of overall volume.

#### Interdepartmental Coordination:

To reduce impacts to the community and environment, the City's Public Works and Transportation departments evaluated and coordinated the safety improvement installations to align with existing annual repaving schedules. Construction to commence in Spring 2023.