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Median projects in Bloomington aim to protect public safety

SAN BERNARDINO – Median projects underway on Valley Boulevard and Cedar Avenue in Bloomington will change traffic flows for drivers, and come as a result of a recent study to improve safety. According to data recorded by the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, the number of accidents along Valley Boulevard and Cedar Avenue demonstrate a need for roadway safety improvements that the medians provide.

Data compiled showed that the greatest concentration of accidents occurred between Locust Avenue and Spruce Avenue along Valley Boulevard where a median project is currently under construction. This data was used in applying for the project's grant funding.

The project includes construction of a raised cobblestone median, concrete curb, left turn pockets, pedestrian ramp, stamped concrete emergency vehicle access openings, traffic signal work, handicap ramps and roadway repavement

The Department of Public Works held meetings to discuss the proposed median projects with businesses and residents prior to construction. Several concerns about access to existing businesses and altering traffic flows were incorporated into the department's final design.

Although a median restricts left turn access to properties along Cedar Avenue, the project design allows U-turns at the signalized intersections and at specific left turn lanes to side streets. In this case, a raised median is the best solution to provide for increased vehicular and pedestrian safety.

“While I understand that the medians may inconvenience some, the bottom line is that this project will help make our roads safer for residents,” said Supervisor Josie Gonzales. “Public safety is our number one priority. The County is making this investment to protect our communities and prepare the area for the growth that will ultimately come. I appreciate everyone's patience while construction is underway.”

*Josie Gonzales is San Bernardino County's 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor, an area that includes the cities of San Bernardino, Colton, Fontana, Rialto; the unincorporated communities of El Rancho Verde, Muscoy, and Bloomington.*