

WE SAFE STREETS PLEDGE

By taking this pledge I am doing my part to make our neighborhood streets safer and friendlier for all.

- I will drive within the posted speed limit or slower depending on current conditions.
- I will plan to leave early enough so I don't have to rush to be on time.
- I will not give in to the impatience of others to drive above the speed limit.
- I will only talk on my phone while driving when the call is urgent and the call is hands-free.
- I will not text or use any other handheld devices when driving.
- I will treat people who are walking and bicycling with respect and share the road safely with them.
- I will display the Safe Driving Pledge decal on my vehicle and encourage others to take this pledge.

Visit CityofAmericanCanyon.org/SafeStreets to take your pledge now!



By taking the pledge you will become a member of the Safe Streets Ambassador Team. You will receive updates and volunteer opportunities related to traffic calming in American Canyon. The Safe Driving Pledge decal will be mailed to you at the address you provide.

Need assistance?
(707) 647-4558

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TRAFFIC CALMING PROGRAM

Dear American Canyon Community,

Traffic calming and safety is a high priority for all of us. Through our Traffic Calming Program, we aim to take a data-driven approach to focus infrastructure design, public education, and enforcement efforts around the goal of zero traffic fatalities or severe injuries. The Program provides a framework for the community to submit concerns for problem areas to our Team for evaluation, classifies the appropriate traffic calming measures to incorporate on our streets and roadways, and affords criteria to assess the magnitude of the need and probable effectiveness of an installation.

We will continue to build upon the Program's foundation through the vastly treasured spirit of American Canyon's community members, where everyone is welcome, and we come together to face challenges.

The collective safety of our roadways depends on the individual choices we all make. We encourage you to take the We ♥ Safe Streets Pledge featured in this booklet and promote it to your family and neighbors.

As a community, each of us contributes to the success of ensuring American Canyon remains the best place to live, work, and play safely. On behalf of our Traffic Working Group, thank you for doing your part in creating a culture of safety in our community.

*Public Works Director, American Canyon Police Chief,
American Canyon Fire Protection District Chief*

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Engineering

“Engineering” is a broad concept used to describe the design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of traffic control devices or physical measures, including low-cost and high-cost capital measures.

Engineering strategies can improve the accessibility of walking and bicycling opportunities in a neighborhood and make existing conditions safer for all users, with an overall goal of reducing traffic-caused fatalities to zero. A few examples of engineered safety projects include:



Road Reconfigurations AKA "Road Diets"

Transforming a four-lane road into three lanes, with two lanes of auto traffic and a center turn lane increases safety for people crossing the street and often creates room for bike lanes.

Intersection Improvements
Ladder and Continental Crosswalk markings, painting red curb corners, and flashing lights at crosswalks increase visibility. Bulb-outs extend curbs at street crossings to increase pedestrian visibility, shorten crossing distances, and slow turning vehicles.



The **E's** of traffic safety



Engineering



Enforcement



Education

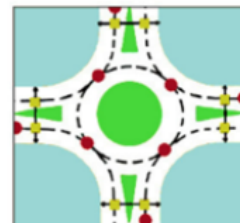


Emergency Services



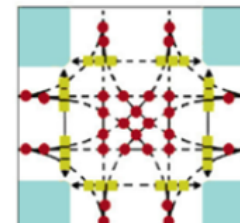
Emerging Technologies

Roundabout



● 8 Vehicle conflicts
■ 8 Pedestrian conflicts

Intersection



● 32 Vehicle conflicts
■ 24 Pedestrian conflicts

Roundabouts

Modern roundabouts can reduce fatal and severe injury crashes, decrease conflict points, control speeds, and eliminate high-injury crash types, like “t-bone” crashes.



Enforcement

Safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers on our neighborhood streets, especially in school zones, is a top priority for the American Canyon Police Department.

Our officers tend to focus on school traffic during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times along with our Police Technicians. The remaining hours of their day are focused on community safety needs as identified either by their own observations or through complaints and accident history.



**Report Traffic Safety Concerns at
CityofAmericanCanyon.Org/SafeStreets**



Emergency Services

Accommodations for emergency response and identification of response routes are common features in traffic calming programs. These perspectives are represented in our Traffic Working Group by our Fire & Police Chiefs.

When you see flashing red lights for emergency service responses:

- Slow down
- When you see flashing red lights coming up behind you, pull to the right, stop, and let them pass
- Move to the travel lane furthest from emergency vehicles on the side of the road or in the median, if it's safe to do so



Emerging Technologies

Hands-Free is best! Important examples of emerging technologies are phone applications that restrict or limit access to electronic devices while driving.

These apps generally work when vehicles are in motion and can silence the phone, redirect incoming calls to voicemail or respond to text messages with a preprogrammed message.



Education

The collective safety of our roadways depends on the individual choices we all make. Each of us can be a role model in our community. Share this information with your family and neighbors to gain their commitment as well.

If your concern involves an immediate threat to life or safety please dial 911.





WE ❤️ SAFE STREETS



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- Be safe and be seen
- Look left, look right, and look left again before crossing the street
- Always make eye contact with the driver
- Do not assume drivers can see you just because they are stopped

- Be predictable
- Avoid wearing earbuds
- Do not use your phone while walking
- Cross at controlled intersections and use crosswalks
- Walk in a parking lot as you would on the street
- Walk with your body facing oncoming traffic



BICYCLE SAFETY

- Check your safety gear:
 - Wear a snugly fitting helmet
 - Be sure to be seen by wearing bright colors and reflective clothing
 - Use lights and reflectors at night
- Use common sense:
 - Don't wear headphones while riding
 - Use bike lanes or ride near the right curb when possible
 - Stop and look all ways before crossing
 - Be aware of cars and pedestrians

- Observe the rules of the road:
 - Slow down and yield to pedestrians
 - Cross at marked crosswalks and walk your bike across the crosswalk
 - Obey traffic signs and signals
 - When riding as a group, ride single file
 - Ride with traffic
 - Make your turns from the turn lanes
 - Use hand signals when you are stopping or turning
 - Respect the right-of-way of others



DRIVER SAFETY

- Do not use your phone while driving
- Always stop for any pedestrian
- Be patient!
Some pedestrians need extra time to cross
- Do not stop your car in a crosswalk
- Do not pass cars stopped at a crosswalk
- Watch for mid-block crosswalks

- Look left, look right, and look left again before crossing an intersection
- Remain stopped behind school buses until the red lights go out
- Follow posted speed limits through neighborhoods
- Drive safely and slowly
- When you see flashing red lights pull to the right