

Community of
WALNUT PARK
Demonstration Project
June 16, 2018

Camina en Walnut Park brought together the community to experience the vibrant Pacific Boulevard by foot and on wheels. The event featured entertainment and feedback stations at Walnut Nature Park and the Gloria Molina Community Empowerment Center. Temporary demonstrations included a scramble crosswalk, a multi-use trail, a bus bulb, curb extensions, and high visibility crosswalks.

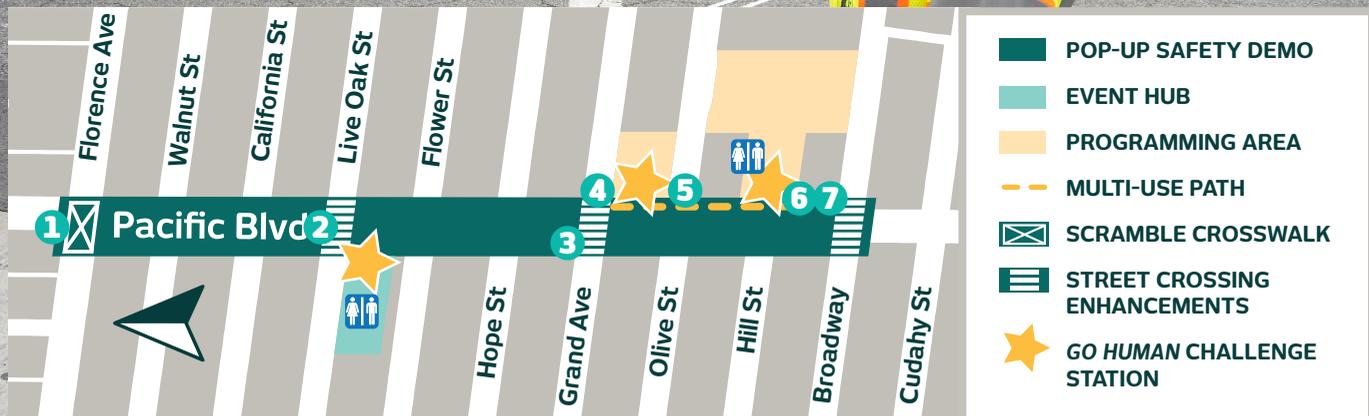


Project Goals

SCAG, the Los Angeles County Departments of Public Works and Public Health, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis and the Project Advisory Committee implemented **Camina en Walnut Park** to support ongoing pedestrian planning efforts to promote active and safe transportation options in Walnut Park. The following project objectives were identified during the planning process:

- ✔ Demonstrate how improved pedestrian infrastructure and amenities can improve user experience and encourage more walking and bicycling trips in Walnut Park.
- ✔ Ensure broad public awareness and gauge public support for the implementation of active transportation improvements identified in the Walnut Park Community Pedestrian Plan and the Community Parks and Recreation Plan for Walnut Park.
- ✔ Attract at least 500 participants from the communities of Walnut Park and Huntington Park.
- ✔ Reduce daily vehicle emissions by having 50% of participants arrive to the event using active modes of transportation.
- ✔ Utilize the existing Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Walnut Park Community Pedestrian Plan to advertise the event and to contribute to development of the demonstration project.

Demonstration Elements



1 A scramble crosswalk at the Pacific Boulevard & Florence Avenue intersection allowed people walking to cross in any direction, including diagonally when vehicle traffic was stopped. This crossing type removes potential conflicts between people walking and turning vehicles, including those making a right turn on red.

Community Participation

800 Attendees

70%

have never attended a community meeting hosted by the County to discuss transportation

45%

travel around their community by Walking

63%

traveled to the event using active transportation

10%

travel around their community by Bicycle

45%

live in Walnut Park

Advisory Committee

To organize this event a project committee was convened that included the following departments and agencies:

YWCA of Greater LA (YWCA)
Los Angeles County
Department of Parks and
Recreation

Los Angeles County
Department of Consumer &
Business Affairs
City of Huntington Park

Los Angeles County
Community Development
Commission
California Highway Patrol



2 By tightening intersection curb radii, curb extensions enhance safety by encouraging slower vehicle turning speeds and creating shorter crossings for people walking.



3 Bus bulbs align the bus stop with the parking lane decreasing the amount of time lost when merging into and out of traffic improving boarding efficiency.



4 High Visibility Crosswalks aim to increase awareness of people walking at intersections by using a highly visible marking pattern resulting in improved driver yield rates.



5 Protected multi-use paths improve perceived comfort and safety for people bicycling and walking.



6 Participants shared support for demonstrated elements through engagement activities and surveys.



7 The Go Human Challenge encouraged participants to experience each demonstration element along the corridor.

Community Feedback

151 Surveys Collected

93%

support curb extensions

93%

support making the scramble crosswalk permanent

97%

think the multi-use path makes them feel safer walking and biking

49%

feel that concerns about driver behavior keep them from walking or biking in their community



Top 3 Desired Walking Improvements

- Trees/Shade
- Wider Sidewalks
- Sidewalk Lighting



Top 3 Desired Bicycling Improvements

- More bike lanes
- Separated and protected bike lanes
- Lower vehicle speeds

“Active transportation improves the quality of life, improves health outcomes, and helps to sustain a vibrant community.”

– Supervisor Hilda L. Solis



Next Steps

- Pursue funding for the design and construction of a project that incorporates the community-preferred improvements from the State’s Active Transportation Program and other similar grant opportunities.
- Present project alternatives, once funded and developed, at Supervisor Hilda L. Solis’ community meeting.
- Use the **Camina en Walnut Park** planning and implementation process to guide future community engagement strategies.



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This project was undertaken as part of the Southern California Association of Governments’ *Go Human* Active Transportation Safety and Encouragement Campaign. *Go Human* is a community outreach and advertising campaign with the goals of reducing traffic collisions in Southern California and encouraging people to walk and bike more. SCAG hopes to create safer and healthier cities through education, advocacy, information sharing, and events that help residents re-envision their neighborhoods.