INFRASTRUCTURE | ATP CYCLE 3A

La Quinta Village Complete Streets - A Road Diet

Applicant: City of La Quinta

The City of La Quinta developed "La Quinta Village Complete Streets – A Road Diet Project" to confront the challenges related to health, air pollution, and limited alternative transportation options in La Quinta Village. The project reduced the number of travel lanes from four to two on several streets and installed pedestrian and bicycle facilities, roundabouts at intersections with shared-use paths, prominent pedestrian midblock crossings with median refuges, and rapid rectangular flashing beacons to improve safety. The project resulted in the transformation of heavily traveled, vehicle-centric corridors into pedestrian and bicycle-friendly complete street corridors.

WHAT WAS INSTALLED?

Pedestrian improvements

Midblock crossings provide access to Civic Center Park, Old Town La Quinta, and the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. The city installed 24 new accessible ramps, eight flashing beacon crossings, 4,400 feet of sidewalks, and lighting at five intersections.

Dedicated bike and golf cart lanes

Stretches of Calle Tampico and Calle Sinaloa were reduced from four travel lanes to two, with former vehicle lanes repurposed as over 4,000 feet of class II and III bike facilities and golf cart lanes.

Reduction in travel lanes

Portions of Calle Tampico, Calle Sinaloa, and Eisenhower Drive were reduced from four to two travel lanes.

New roundabouts

Five key intersections were transformed with roundabouts along Calle Tampico, Calle Sinaloa, and Eisenhower Drive.

A family walking along a painted sidewalk

Total Project Cost

$9,533,000

ATP Programmed Amount

$7,313,000

New roundabout on Calle Tampico

New travel lane reconfiguration on Eisenhower Drive

COMMUNITY BENEFITS / OUTCOMES

Roadway improvements in La Quinta Village brought several benefits, such as:

Improved safety

The implementation of roundabouts improved safety without compromising traffic operations.

Enhanced connectivity

The project created safe and equitable connections to parks, schools, libraries, and more throughout the community.

Aesthetic and environmental enhancements

Drought-tolerant landscaping reduced costs and water usage, while innovative treatments such as rain gardens improved stormwater drainage.

Health and pollution mitigation

The safety and connectivity improvements are expected to increase walking, bicycling, and low-speed electric vehicle usage and therefore improve public health through increased physical activity and improved air quality.

The following partners supported the City of La Quinta in this effort:

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For more information, check out the resources below:

- City of La Quinta's Project Page
- News Article