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LADOT Begins Safety and Mobility Improvements to 7th Street

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The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) announced that starting Thursday May 14, construction and implementation of the 7th Street Forward project will begin. Construction is anticipated to be completed the following week.

Using low-cost materials, LADOT will install fresh paint markings and signs along the newly resurfaced and redesigned 7th St. between Figueroa St. and Main St. in downtown Los Angeles.

Safety improvements for people walking, biking, riding transit, and driving along this corridor include:

- A newly paved street
 - Eliminates potholes and cracks, providing a smoother, safer, and more enjoyable experience for people driving or riding a bike, scooter, or bus on the street.
- A safer, calmer street
 - Existing bicycle lanes on 7th St. will be moved next to the sidewalk curb to create more distance between people biking and car traffic. A buffer area with plastic bollards will separate the bicycle lanes from moving vehicles.
 - At bus stops, people on bikes will merge with buses in a safer mixing zone.
 - People walking will have more space between the sidewalk and moving traffic, which creates a calmer and more enjoyable sidewalk environment.
 - Intersection tightening will slow down right-turning vehicles, helping improve the safety and visibility of people walking and biking.
- More loading zones
 - Metered parking on 7th St. will be converted to loading zones, allowing higher turnover and more space for deliveries, rideshare pick-up, and other short-term commercial and passenger needs.



Testing the new design with interim materials, like paint and plastic, will create immediate safety and mobility benefits and provide valuable feedback to the City and community before the project is implemented with more permanent materials as part of the forthcoming 7th St. Streetscape project.

The public is encouraged to visit the project website for updates and information as well as provide feedback on the project.

LADOT appreciates your patience and reminds you to please drive with caution through the construction site and be on the lookout for work crews and their equipment.

About LADOT

LADOT leads transportation planning, project delivery, and operations in the City of Los Angeles. We work together and collaborate to deliver a safe, livable, and well-run transportation system in the city and region. Our vision is for all people in Los Angeles to have access to safe and affordable transportation choices that treat everyone with dignity and support vibrant, inclusive communities.

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