

Community Focus Statement B: Enhance pedestrian safety and mobility along Mentone Boulevard (Highway 38).

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Action Statement B.1: Advocate and collaborate with Caltrans to develop a master plan for signage, striping, and lighting along Highway 38 that enhances public safety and pedestrian connectivity.

Benchmark: A Corridor Master Plan and a Signing and Striping Master Plan for Highway 38 is adopted.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: Corridor Master Plan- \$100,000–\$400,000; Signing and Striping Master Plan- \$20,000–\$50,000



Visible pedestrian crossings and green bike lanes.
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Signage, striping, and other roadway directional features help to foster a safer atmosphere for both drivers and non-vehicular users such as bicyclists and pedestrians. Because of the high vehicle speeds and significant traffic volume along Highway 38, walking along and crossing the roadway can be difficult and potentially a safety concern. Highway 38 in Mentone is a generally wide, two-lane highway with center turn lanes and painted medians. The roadway includes numerous unprotected pedestrian crossings that are marked for use.

A number of remedies could be implemented to improve the conditions experienced by drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Potential improvements to Highway 38 could include flashing pedestrian signage at unprotected crosswalks, additional pedestrian crossings along the roadway, buffer areas between travel lanes and bicycle lanes, and other potential improvements. In order to best coordinate future mobility and safety along Highway 38, a corridor study or plan examining safety, speed, aesthetics, and wayfinding could be prepared. In addition, a signage and striping master plan should be prepared to better coordinate the corridor’s safety and traffic measures and to remedy potential issues experienced by roadway users.

Additional street signage and striping can vary greatly in cost depending on the extent of the improvements. The table below includes examples of potential improvements and their approximate cost.

Street Corridor and Signage/Striping Plans Cost

Type	Typical Cost
Corridor Study/Plan	\$100,000–\$400,000 depending on roadway length
Signage and Striping Master Plan	\$20,000–\$50,000 depending on roadway length



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Host a meeting with the Mentone Area Community Association and Mentone Chamber of Commerce to establish a mobility improvements committee	Champion	Month 1	Special Districts Department – Streetlights Division http://specialdistricts.org/index.aspx?page=184 Mentone Area Community Association https://www.facebook.com/mentone.association
2. Meet with Caltrans on what can be done and what needs to be done. Discuss funding options, and ability to do as part of maintenance.	Committee, Caltrans	Month 2	
3. Have the community, with assistance from Special Districts and LAFCO, create a special district for safety and mobility.	Committee	Months 1–12	
4. Approach the relevant Independent Special Districts and County Special Districts for possible guidance and funding opportunities on developing a Corridor Master Plan.	Committee	Months 13–14	
5. Prepare a Corridor Master Plan that addresses the community’s needs.	Committee	Years 2 - 3	
6. Approach County Special Districts/San Bernardino County for approval of the Corridor Master Plan.	Committee	Year 4	
7. Use the approved Corridor Master Plan as the basis for future improvements throughout the community.	Committee with County Land Use Services	Year 5	