



School Zone Improvements at Dr. Sue A. Shook Elementary

*Planning & Development Department
Commissioners Court Meeting
August 12, 2024*

Dr. Sue A. Shook Elementary – Before Road Ext.

- Located at 13777 Paseo Del Este Blvd.
- School zone crossing is located at Paseo del Este Blvd. & Paseo De Suerte Dr.



Dr. Sue A. Shook Elementary – After Road Ext.

- Land development has progressed and in turn has increased traffic along Paseo Del Este effecting pedestrians, vehicle movements, U-Turns, and safety.



El Paso County School Zone Policy

- School Zone Improvements are not funded by the County
- School District obtains plans prepared and designed by a Texas Licensed Engineer
- Planning & Development Department reviews and approves the proposed school zone improvements
- School District procures a contractor to install the improvements
- School District maintains and operates school flashers and other apparatuses
- County maintains the striping and fixed signage

Dr. Sue A. Shook Elementary

- Socorro Independent School District (SISD) experiencing budgetary constraints
- SISD requested assistance from El Paso County for needed school zone improvements
- County policy does not allow to fund school zone improvements
- Moreno Cardenas Inc. (MCI) – Locally Owned and Operated Engineering Firm
 - Offered to provide the design services at no charge through the County



Dr. Sue A. Shook Elementary – School Zone Improvements

School Zone Improvements requested by SISD:

- **Extended School Zone**
 - Introduction of Solar Powered Flashing Beacons or HAWK signal(s)
- **Median Extension with Updated School Crossing**
- **New Turn Lane and Median Break to Access Parent Parking Lot**

Proposed Improvements – Median Extension

- Extension of the bullnose median at the west side of the intersection:
 - To provide a pedestrian refuge/island
 - Eliminate EB to WB Paseo Del Este U-turns
 - Will include updated signing and striping to curtail illegal movements.



Proposed Improvements – Turn Lane and Median Break

- SISD requests a new median opening and left-turn bay into parents' parking lot:
 - Lot is located just west of crosswalk and intersection.
 - Median opening would eliminate need to perform U-turn at Paseo De Suerte intersection.



Engineering Services – MCI, Inc.

- MCI – Local Engineering Firm
 - Opportunity to show MCI's continued commitment to the safety and improvement of the community
- Project aims to provide safer pedestrian crossing at the intersection
- Established pro bono agreement with El Paso County
 - Prepare design plans for school zone
 - Design will be prepared, signed, and sealed by a Texas licensed professional engineer and is done in accordance with TDLR and local governing code requirements.
 - MCI will perform site assessment, redesign school zone and provide preliminary and final design package
 - Agreement is for design only and does not include construction phase administration/management services

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Questions?