



# **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

**MCI** Moreno  
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