

Luzerne Street, American to M, Traffic Safety Project

Above: Luzerne Street and I Street, 2022

September 2025



What is Vision Zero?

Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic-related deaths and serious injuries, while increasing safety, health, and mobility for all.

From 2019 to 2023, Luzerne Street (American Street to M Street) had

83

crashes

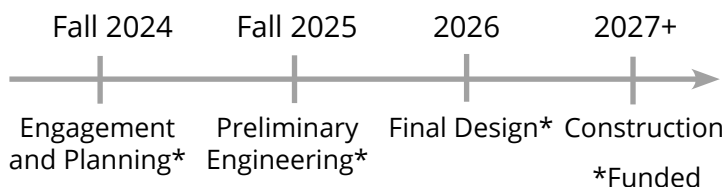
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people involved

11

fatalities and
serious injuries

Project Timeline



Why Luzerne Street

- It has a history of serious crashes
- It connects residents to jobs, schools, civic institutions, and shopping centers
- It needs quality of life improvements

"I'm tired of these people speeding. I have a toddler I gotta keep an eye on just in case some of them lose control."



Resident of
Juniata Park

More than a Number



Above: A memorial at Luzerne and Whitaker intersection

A young mother to four children passed away in a hit-and-run crash at Luzerne Street and Whitaker Avenue. She was only 26 years old.

For more information, visit: bit.ly/LuzerneSt

Luzerne Street Proposed Improvements

We presented our ideas to **1300+** residents in our Phase 2 Engagement. Here is what we've heard and what we've come up with.

Overall Improvements

* All ratings are out of 5, based on 83 complete survey responses



New paving and markings will be coming to Luzerne

4.6



Speed cushions will be installed throughout the residential area

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ADA ramps will be upgraded at all intersections

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Street trees will be planted on the sidewalks
*Property owners can deny the request

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Traffic lights will be upgraded at all signalized intersections

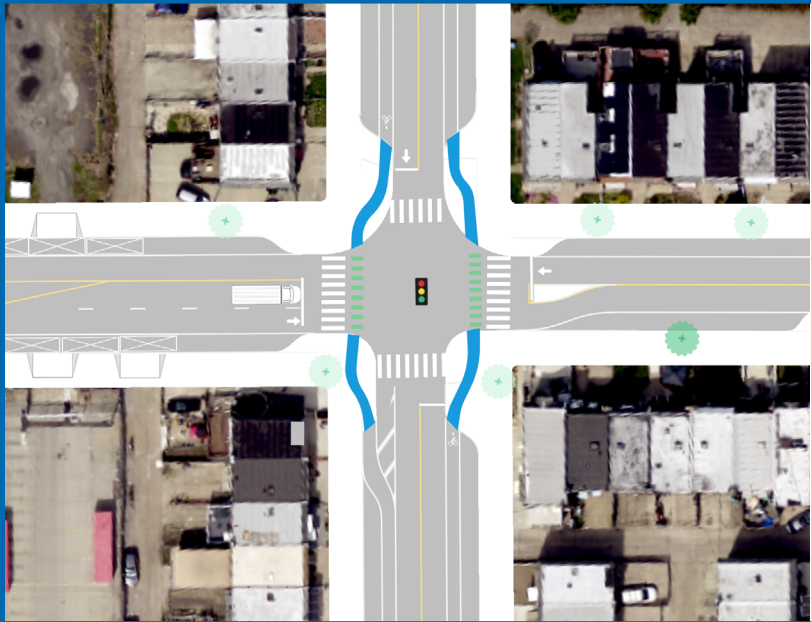
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Curb extension (bumpouts) will prevent illegal parking in crosswalks

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Additional Improvements on I Street & Luzerne Street



This intersection experiences high volumes of both truck and pedestrian traffic, as it serves as a boundary between residential and industrial areas. The City proposes to have

New traffic signal to replace the stop signs

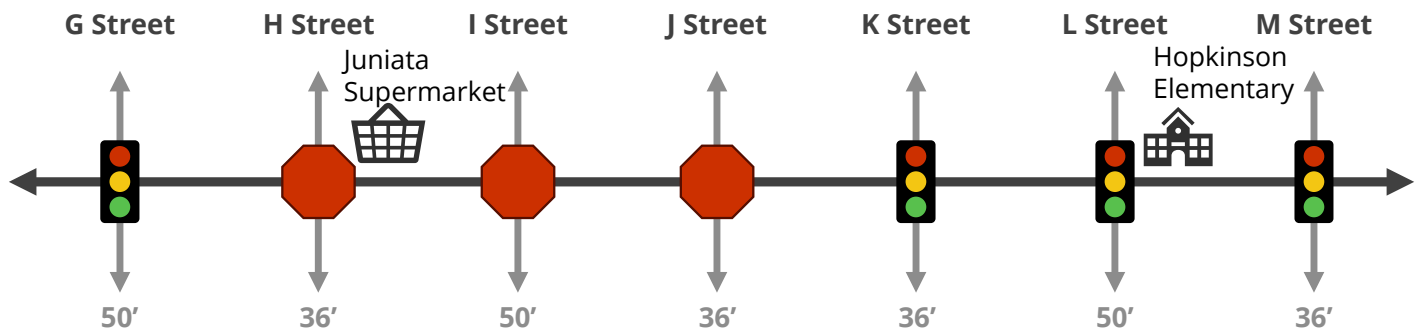
Realigned travel lanes

Bumpouts on all four corners

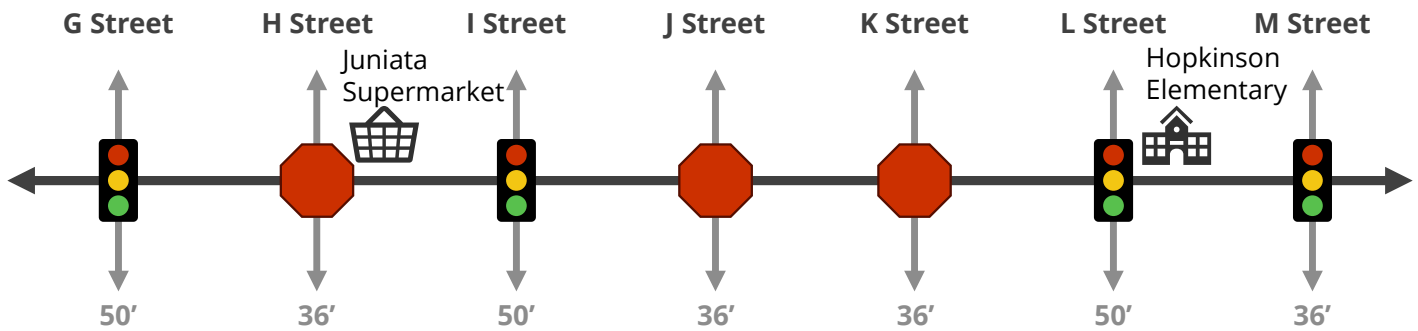
Signalization Change Between M Street and I Street

- K St will have stop signs - traffic volume is relatively low
- I St will receive a new traffic signal

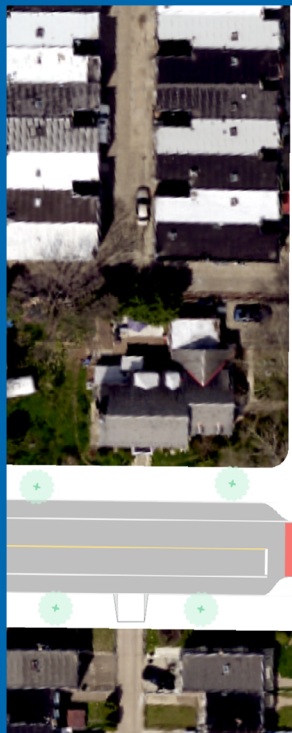
Existing Conditions



Proposed Conditions



Additional Improvements at Hopkins Elementary

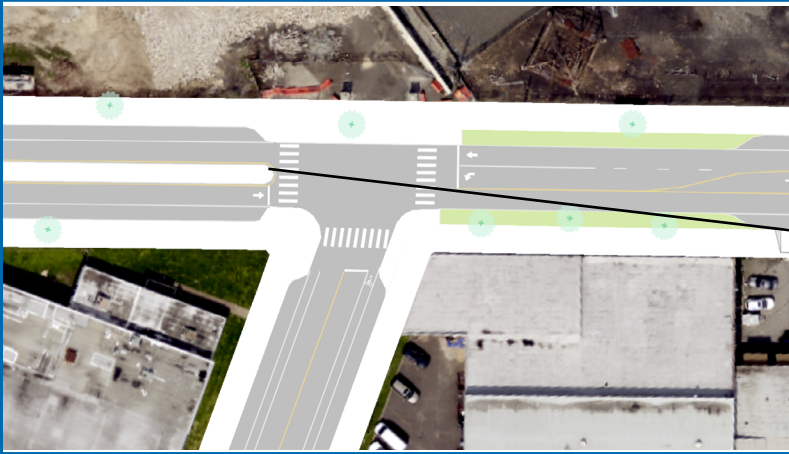


Median on L Street improves the traffic circulation during pick-up and drop-off hours. This prevents double parking and overtaking in the middle of the street

Raised intersection elevates the intersection, making students crossing the street more visible to the drivers

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Additional Improvements on the Industrial Section



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Median will only be placed in the industrial section. It will separate traffic going in opposite directions and reduce speeding by making the street look narrower. There will be gaps to allow driveway access.

Other things we have heard

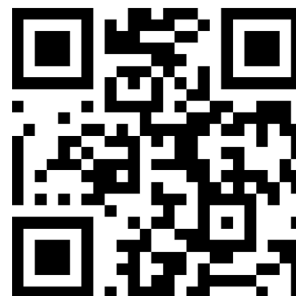
Bike Infrastructure - Most residents do not bike in the area but are worried about people's safety when biking. The City will consider bike lanes on other streets that connect better to the bike network.

"I would love this. As a person who use to and would like to bike again, the biggest reason why I stopped is because there wasn't any safe biking lanes and cars were aggressive to bikers. I think this would be an amazing addition to the streets of philly."

Other traffic safety issues - Many residents want to see safety improvements on Hunting Park Avenue. The City will work with neighbors to improve other major roads, like Hunting Park and Whitaker.

"Please fix Hunting Park Ave between Whitaker and G Street. The work is taking too long."

Do you like our plan?



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