

Sierra Highway Pedestrian Bridge Ribbon Cutting

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The City of Santa Clarita hosted a public ribbon cutting event to celebrate the completion of the Sierra Highway Pedestrian Bridge and Street Improvement Project. This project is part of the City's Santa Clarita 2020 plan under the theme of Building and Creating Community. The federally-funded Sierra Highway Pedestrian Bridge project, a partnership with Caltrans, brought the first paseo bridge to Canyon Country. The pre-fabricated steel truss pedestrian bridge now provides safe-crossing over Sierra Highway. The project also improved traffic circulation and trail connections at the intersection of Sierra Highway and Golden Valley Road. Multiple street improvements were made on the west side of Sierra Highway, including construction of a new bus turnout, and a right-turn lane from southbound Sierra Highway onto Golden Valley Road.



Dignitaries look on as Mayor Marsha McLean cuts the ribbon for the new pedestrian bridge over Sierra Highway in Canyon Country. Cory Rubin/The Signal

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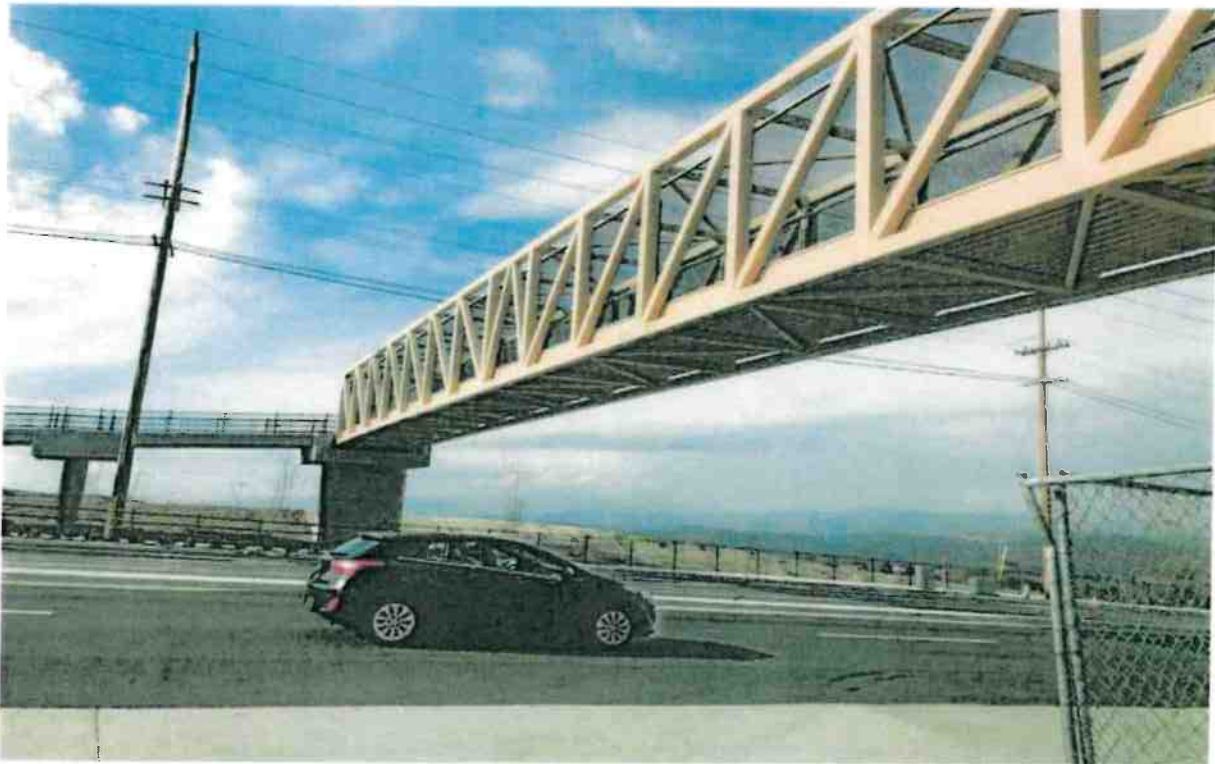
Sierra Highway pedestrian bridge officially complete

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Runners, dog walkers, bicyclists and everything in between now have a safe route to commute over Sierra Highway as the city announced Friday the completion of the Sierra Highway pedestrian bridge project.

“We are here to celebrate an important milestone: the completion of the first pedestrian bridge in this part of the city,” said Santa Clarita Mayor Marsha McLean during a public ribbon cutting to celebrate the occasion.

The overall project, located above Sierra Highway and north of Golden Valley Road, offers a safe crossing with the prefabricated steel truss bridge, as well as improved traffic circulation and trail connections at the intersection. Several street improvements were made on the west side of Sierra Highway, including construction of a new bus turnout and a right-turn lane from southbound Sierra Highway onto Golden Valley Road.



The city of Santa Clarita has announced a ribbon cutting for the completion of the Sierra Highway pedestrian bridge on Friday, March 29 at 10 a.m. Austin Dave/ The Signal

Pavement maintenance, traffic striping and signal modifications to allow for U-turns were also added on the intersections of Sierra Highway and Rainbow Glen Drive as part of the project, which was federally funded through a Federal Active Transportation grant for \$1.4 million.

Streetlight improvements still remain to be completed, McLean said.

Neighbors and local school officials were present at the event, including Golden Valley High School Principal Sal Frias, who said he was excited to see that “the safety of our students has improved because of this project.”

“Students could be seen walking before and after school so close to the heavy traffic but now there’s a safe crossing,” he said. “We have a minimum of about 500 students that pass by this area every day.”

The City Council was joined by Assemblywoman Christy Smith, D-Santa Clarita, and representatives from the offices of Los Angeles County Fifth District Supervisor Kathryn Barger and State Sen. Scott Wilk, R-Santa Clarita.

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