



# Costs for Pedestrian and Bicyclist Infrastructure Improvements

A Resource for Researchers, Engineers, Planners, and the General Public

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# The Highway Safety Research Center

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Highway Safety Research Center has been a leading research institute that has helped shape the field of transportation safety. The Center's mission is to improve the safety, security, access, and efficiency of all surface transportation modes through a balanced, interdisciplinary program of research, evaluation and information dissemination.

Today, HSRC research stretches across multiple disciplines, from social and behavioral sciences to engineering and planning, and addresses many of the new challenging concerns of the North Carolina and American public. Among other things, HSRC researchers are exploring ways of making roads safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, researching the effects of aging on driver performance, studying how driver distractions such as cell phone use affect transportation safety, researching how fatigue and sleep-deprivation affect driver performance, and examining how changes in roadway design and traffic operations can make travel safer for all road users.

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# **Executive Summary**

Costs for pedestrian and bicycle safety infrastructure often vary greatly from city to city and state to state. This document (and associated database) is intended to provide meaningful estimates of infrastructure costs by collecting up-to-date cost information for pedestrian and bicycle treatments from states and cities across the country. Using this information, researchers, engineers, planners, and the general public can better understand the cost of pedestrian and bicycle treatments in their communities and make informed decisions about which infrastructure enhancements are best suited for implementation. By collecting countrywide cost information, this database should contain useful information for any state or city, even if costs from that particular state or city are not included for a given treatment.

A better understanding of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure costs will hopefully ensure that funding is allocated to pedestrian and bicycle improvements more efficiently. The goal is to encourage more communities to enhance facilities for non-motorized users and increase the safety of those choosing to walk and bike. Building a new roadway for automobiles can cost tens of millions of dollars to construct, and many of the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects and facilities are extremely low-cost in comparison. This infrastructure can also serve to improve safety for all road users, while also promoting healthier lifestyles through more bicycling and walking. The tables provided in this document provide general estimates and cost ranges for 77 pedestrian and bicycle facilities using more than 1,700 cost observations, and are presented with a median and average price, the minimum and maximum cost, and the number of sources. By making more informed decisions about the costs of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure treatments, decision-makers will be able to dedicate funds to those treatments secure in the knowledge that these investments are often affordable as well as determine which treatment is the most cost-effective.

It must be noted that costs can vary widely from state to state and also from site to site. Therefore, the cost information contained in this report should be used only for estimating purposes and not necessarily for determining actual bid prices for a specific infrastructure project.

# Making the Case for Pedestrian and Bicycle Infrastructure

Walking and bicycling have both been frequently overlooked as city, state, and federal governments focus their effort and funds on building sophisticated transportation systems. Yet there are a growing percentage of people that want to change the common notion of transportation and mobility. They want livable communities where they can commute to work, socialize and recreate by foot and bicycle.

Recent socio-economic and cultural trends highlight the desire for walkable and bikeable communities. The 15-Year Report on Walking and Biking determined that 12 percent of all trips are now made by bicycle or foot in 2009, a 25 percent increase from 2001, even though there are often not adequate facilities for safe walking or bicycling. Bicyclists and pedestrians make up 14 percent of traffic fatalities, although federal funding for biking and walking projects is approximately 2 percent of the federal transportation budget.<sup>1</sup>

While new national initiatives, such as Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School, are examples of programs that support pedestrian facility development, problems persist. In 2010, 4,280 pedestrians and 618 bicyclists were killed and roughly 59,000 pedestrians and 52,000 bicyclists were injured.<sup>2,3</sup> Though these totals have decreased somewhat in recent years, pedestrian and bicyclist safety is an ongoing problem that should continue to be comprehensively addressed at all levels of government.

Creating a walkable and bikeable community starts with the built environment: having destinations close to each other; siting schools, parks, and public spaces appropriately; allowing mixed-use developments; having sufficient densities to support transit; creating commercial districts that people can access by bicycle, foot and wheelchair; etc. Most walking trips are less than .5 mi (0.8 km), so having a compact environment is essential. Similarly, while half of all household trips are three miles or less, fewer than 2 percent of those trips are made by bicycle. Finally, a recent study found bicyclists will go out of their way to use bicycle infrastructure, highlighting the importance of having sufficient facilities. The connection between land-use planning and transportation planning is critical to safely and effectively accommodate trips by foot and bicycle.

Developing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure has economic benefits also. Studies have found that bicycle infrastructure improvements can have a positive overall impact on business, and that people who walk or bike to a commercial area spend more money per month than those who accessed the area by automobile. The removal of on-street parking is often thought to negatively impact business, but reports show adding facilities such as bicycle racks and bicycle lanes can actually increase economic activity, and also help create a buffer from moving traffic that aides both pedestrian and bicyclist activity. Finally, improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure can lead to positively impacting real estate values. Homes near bicycle paths have been found to support higher sales prices, and areas that facilitate walkability and attract pedestrians sustain higher rents, revenues and resale values.

Pedestrian and bicycle- specific infrastructure improvements can also improve conditions for all road users. The 2011 Sustainable Streets Index, published by New York City's Department of Transportation, found that improvements such as pedestrian islands and bicycle paths led to an overall reduction in motorist crashes as well as injury crashes, a decrease in speeding, and an increase in pedestrian and bicycle activities.<sup>9</sup>

Finally, new roadway projects can cost tens of millions of dollars to construct, depending on location and type of road. Many of the pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure projects and facilities highlighted in this paper are extremely low-cost in comparison.

# Walking/Bicycling and Public Health

The health benefits of walking and bicycling have been well-documented by public health and medical professionals. Current CDC recommendations suggest that adults ages 18 and up should get 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise throughout the week to experience the health benefits of physical activity. Brisk 10 minute walks or short trips by bicycle to work can both help contribute to this overall goal. Health benefits of undertaking these activities include weight management, increased bone and muscle strength, improved mental health and mood, and increased coordination. As the focus of healthcare transitions from focusing on the treatment to the prevention of disease, walking and biking are being promoted as an accessible and easy way to improve both our current and future well-being.

As a result, urban planners, engineers, and public health professionals are increasingly working together to create pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly environments that promote these activities for both leisure and transportation purposes. Researchers who study the effect of the built environment on walking and biking have discovered that numerous variables affect such decisions. The proximity of destinations, the presence and quality of sidewalks or bicycle lanes, perceptions of safety and security, the steepness of grades, the presence of other people, separation from traffic, and aesthetics are all factors that can encourage or discourage people from walking or biking. Policies and roadway features can also help promote active transportation, such as the use of wayfinding signage and pedestrian and bicyclist-oriented crossing signals. Studies have shown that facilities such as separated paths, bike boxes, sidewalks and benches are associated with enhanced safety and/or activity. Through the design or redesign of environments to make walking and biking safer or more pleasant, planners and engineers can help people of all ages get the exercise they need to live longer, healthier lives. The infrastructure costs summarized in this document are intended to aide and encourage improvements to these environments.

# **Methodology**

Highway Safety Research Center (HSRC) staff began work on a database of general engineering in late 2011. Using this as a basis and with additional support from the Federal Highway Administration and Active Living Research, HSRC researchers developed a pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure cost database for use by planners, engineers, and others. A summary of costs from that database is provided herein with a direct link to the full infrastructure cost database.

Beginning with bid-letting summaries or price indices from states across the country, infrastructure costs were identified and entered into a database. Bid-letting sheets were usually available from State Departments of Transportation web sites, which contain a range of costs based on local contractor bids. In some cases, however, only one bid – or an average of all bids – is listed. In this situation, either the range of bids or the single bid is included in the database. While staff attempted to use the most up-to-date bid-letting and pricing sheets available, the availability of bid-letting summaries varies from state to state. As such, some information in the database dates from 2009 or earlier. Most of the costs, however, are from 2010, 2011, or 2012. All costs have been updated to 2012 US Dollar equivalents using the United States Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. <sup>11</sup>

HSRC researchers also subscribed to the <u>Bid Express</u> service, an online resource that facilitates secure online project bidding for city and state agencies and contractors. Using Bid Tabulation sheets downloaded from the website with the permission of the service and relevant agencies, Bid Express cost

data were added into the database. Data from the Bid Express service is mostly from 2011, but may also include 2010 information.<sup>12</sup> Special approval was obtained from Bid Express for inclusion of cost information from selected states to be used in the database and this report.

For some treatments, particularly newer innovative treatments, cost information was not included in bid-letting sheets. To ensure that costs were included for as many treatments as possible, HSRC researchers also conducted targeted searches of selected infrastructure measures, using conventional search engines as well as searching state and city websites. The source of data as well as a hyperlink is included in each of the more than 1,700 cost entries in the database. Drawing from city plans, manufacturer pricing information, and other sources, these targeted searches provided information that was otherwise unavailable from other sources. By using search terms such as "pedestrian", "bicycle", "sidewalk", "bike lane", and many others and by conducting a general scan of each document, costs pertaining specifically to pedestrian and bicyclist-related infrastructure improvements were identified, entered into the database, and included in the following cost summaries.

After costs were compiled, interviews were conducted with Department of Transportation employees in various states to validate the cost averages. HSRC researchers contacted the safety, engineering, or construction divisions of State Departments of Transportation (DOT) in North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Nebraska, Wyoming, Ohio, and California to determine what information is included in the costs. According to these State DOTs, the costs found in Bid Letting or Bid Tabulation Sheets include labor, materials, mobilization costs (though mobilization costs were often bid separately as well), and contractor profits, effectively making the treatment cost a complete "in the ground" cost.

The database includes the following categories of information for each cost item:

- <u>Infrastructure Name</u> the title of the treatment (e.g. Sidewalk)
- <u>Infrastructure Description</u> the details of the treatment (e.g. Portland Cement)
  - Specifics/Classes specific identifying details (e.g. 4 inch patterned)
- <u>Initial (Total) Cost</u> if a total cost is provided, it is included here
- Revised Cost the costs modified to the standard unit
- Revised Unit the unit of infrastructure treatment, if it was modified
- <u>Information Source Year</u> the year of the cost information
- <u>Inflation Year</u> the year used to calculate the inflation factor
- Cost with Inflation the cost indexed to 2012 dollars
- Annual (Maintenance) Cost if provided, how much the treatment costs to maintain, usually per year
- Low Cost if a range of costs is provided, the lowest cost
- Revised Low the unit of infrastructure treatment, if it was modified
- Low with Inflation the low cost indexed to 2012 dollars
- High Cost Estimate if a range of costs is provided, the highest cost
- Revised High the unit of infrastructure treatment, if it was modified
- High with Inflation the high cost indexed to 2012 dollars
- <u>Cost Unit</u> the unit to which the cost is linked (e.g. lump sum, each, per mile, per linear foot, per square yard, etc.)
- <u>State Name</u> the state name in postal code format
- <u>Information Source Citation</u> the title of the information source, usually a bid-letting sheet or specific research paper

- Page Number within Document the page within the information source that contains this cost
- Sample Size the number of bids and/or instances of treatment implementation
- Link to Source the reference URL for the source of the treatment cost
- Notes Any other relevant information or caveats that are important to consider in relation to the specific cost

Only infrastructure costs that are specifically pedestrian or bicycle related are entered into the database. Other documents containing infrastructure cost information such as spot safety evaluations, city plans, government agency reports, guidebooks, and cost reports among others are also included in this database. In order to present a useable database, costs were eliminated if they were extreme outliers, that is, generally greater or less than two standard deviations away from the mean cost. Costs were also removed if they did not appear to include complete cost information (i.e. only the cost of the unit without the cost to install).

Database users should understand that these costs were taken from various sources across the country and that costs may vary between states and also by the quantity purchased. Generally, costs per unit (square yard, linear foot, each, etc.) may vary widely depending on the size of the order, with larger quantities usually leading to lower per unit costs.

Also, there are non-geographic factors that influence variability of costs, and which could not be adequately addressed in this database due to the lack of information in the source data. One of these is the issue of economies of scale and resulting non-linearity of costs. A small project may require a fixed cost such as access to a cement truck or engineering services. The costs of these services unsurprisingly would decline with increasing project scale. Another limitation is related to economies of scope, as it would be more cost effective to add a bicycle lane along with a sidewalk rather than doing both projects separately. There can also be price differences if the project is for a new development versus a retrofit project, with retrofit projects often having higher costs. Finally, differences in contracts and negotiations over the length of time a project will take can also influence cost information. Faster completion times can lower the inconvenience to non-active commuters, but can also raise the price of installation. All of these issues inevitably influence the costs captured in this database. The assumption, however, is that the range of costs will help mitigate these factors and allows for a useful database. In order to obtain a more detailed estimate, however, both geographic and non-geographic factors must be considered.

# **Key Assumptions**

In order to provide cost estimates for some treatments, HSRC researchers made certain assumptions, given in the bulleted list below.

- General assumptions:
  - If cost information included multiple years, i.e. 2002-2003, the earliest year was used for the purposes of determining the inflation factor.
  - All costs are updated to 2012 dollars.

Due to large cost variances and insufficient data, judgment had to be made concerning certain treatments apart from the standard deviation criteria.

- Costs are assumed to include engineering, design, mobilization, and furnish and installation costs.
- Specific assumptions for estimating purposes (where linear length of sidewalk, bikeway, bike lane, etc. are used):
  - All bike lanes are five feet in width.
  - Wide curb lanes are four feet in width.
  - Separated bikeways are eight feet in width.
  - o Multi-use paths, whether paved or unpaved are eight feet in width.
  - o All sidewalks are five feet in width and have a thickness of four inches.

# **Sources**

This database is based mostly on bid letting sheets and costs summaries from State Departments of Transportation. As a result, the potential exists that the cost information is skewed toward state-funded transportation projects rather than local jurisdictions. In order to offset this factor, information was obtained through targeted searches, yielding data from research reports, pedestrian/bicycle guides, and city and county websites. While some states have available and easily obtainable information, others do not have any easily accessible information for specific treatments or do not provide this information publicly. As such, some state information sources supplied a large amount of information to this database, while for others, little or no data has been included. If no cost information was available for a certain state, however, efforts were made to include information from a nearby state or a city within that state. In total, 1,747 costs were obtained from 40 states to create this database. The states with the most cost information include Ohio (161), California (146), Minnesota (115), Massachusetts (104), and Wisconsin (101). The states for which no information was included in the database are Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Mississippi, Nevada, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, and West Virginia. For a complete listing of cost frequency by state, see Appendix D.

It is useful to note that while these infrastructure costs constitute, in most cases, the most up-to-date information available, these are cost estimates. The capricious nature of estimating infrastructure costs means that these data only provide a general idea of what any treatment may cost for a specific location.

# **Infrastructure Cost Tables**

The following tables summarize information from the larger database of infrastructure costs. The average cost, median cost, and the absolute low and high cost ranges are provided to create both a price estimate and price range for each infrastructure element. The median and average infrastructure treatment costs are both presented since the "average" cost value may be misleading (i.e. it may be influenced heavily by one or two outliers). The tables only include cost information with a minimum of four sources.

The paragraphs under each subheading provide information regarding what is included in the table and any caveats associated with using this cost information, while the tables provide the finalized cost estimates and ranges. For some treatments, there was not enough information to create a table. In these cases, cost information is provided in the paragraphs. In terms of units, some treatments were presented in different units, such as "each" and "per square feet". If there were four or more treatment

costs per unit, the treatment is presented in the following table by both units to provide more detail. Additionally, a column indicating the number of sources, defined as the number of agencies/organizations, and observations, which represent the actual number of costs included from all sources, is included in the tables. In some cases, the authors have provided examples, usually as a "per intersection" or "per unit" basis, of how this cost information can be used by practitioners to create a complete cost estimate for a treatment in the paragraphs as well.

Generally, infrastructure cost information in this document will include engineering, design, mobilization, and furnish and installation costs. However, these costs are likely to vary based on site conditions, choice of contractor, and other factors. In some cases, such as for bikeways, site preparation costs have been presented in this document in a separate section in order for database users to get a better sense of what types of actions are necessary to prepare a site and what actions may be necessary to retrofit a site.

A brief description of each treatment and external issues that can dramatically alter facility costs is given before each listed cost. For more specific information about each of the following treatments, please consult the Pedestrian Safety Guide and Countermeasure Selection System Guide (PEDSAFE) (2004) or the Bicycle Safety Guide and Countermeasure Selection System (BIKESAFE) (2006), which were developed for FHWA by HSRC. Most of the definitions provided below for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements were based on information from PEDSAFE and/or BIKESAFE.

# **Bicycle Facilities**

From various types of bicycle parking to bicycle lanes and separated paths, this category encompasses most bicycle infrastructure costs identified in this project.

# **Bicycle Parking**

Bicycle Parking includes bicycle racks (see Figure 1), bicycle lockers (see Figure 2), and bicycle stations. Bicycle racks are fixed objects, usually constructed out of metal, to which bicycles can be securely locked, while bicycle lockers are used to securely store a single bicycle. Depending on bike parking design and materials, cost may vary widely. For example, a



Figure 1: Bike Parking

bicycle rack may be as simple as an inverted U rack designed for two bikes, but may also include more



Figure 2: Bicycle Locker

elaborate designs, such as wave design or ornamental bike racks that hold multiple bikes. Bike Stations are buildings or structures designed to provide secure bicycle parking and often incorporate other amenities such as showers or bike maintenance services. Due to insufficient data, cost ranges were obtained for the following bicycle parking facilities: bicycle stations (approximately \$250,000) and bus racks (approximately \$730). Removing a bicycle rack costs approximately \$1,000. The costs below are presented in terms of the cost per unit.

						Cost	Number of Sources
Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Unit	(Observations)
	Bicycle						
Bicycle Parking	Locker	\$2,140	\$2,090	\$1,280	\$2,680	Each	4 (5)
	Bicycle						
Bicycle Parking	Rack	\$540	\$660	\$64	\$3,610	Each	19 (21)

**Table 1: Costs for Bicycle Parking** 

# **Bikeway**

The Bikeway category contains bicycle lanes, bicycle paths, and signed bicycle routes. The cost of separated multi-use paths designed for bicyclists and pedestrians can be found in the "Path" section below on page 25. For the purposes of standardizing the units, bicycle lanes are assumed to be five feet in width and bicycle paths 8 feet, with costs given in miles. Additionally bicycle boulevards, streets designed to give priority to bicyclists as



Figure 3: Bikeway (Concrete Bicycle Path)

through-going traffic, typically range from approximately \$200,000 to \$650,000 each. Bikeways, or bike paths, are separated facilities designed specifically for bicycles (see Figure 3), while bicycle lanes are designated travel lanes for bicyclists. Separated bikeway projects typically cost between \$536,664 and \$4,293,320 per mile, depending on site conditions, path width, and materials used. Indicated by bike route signs, signed bike routes are used to direct bicyclists to safer facilities and/or are located on lightly

trafficked roads. These types of large-scale bicycle treatments will vary greatly due to differences in project specifications and the scale and length of the treatment.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Bikeway	Bicycle Lane	\$89,470	\$133,170	\$5,360	\$536,680	Mile	6 (6)
Bikeway	Signed Bicycle Route	\$27,240	\$25,070	\$5,360	\$64,330	Mile	3 (6)
	Signed Bicycle Route with						
Bikeway	Improvements	\$241,230	\$239,440	\$42,890	\$536,070	Mile	1 (6)

**Table 2: Costs for Bikeway** 

# **Bikeway Preparation**

The costs for bikeways shown above are assumed to include all costs including bikeway preparation, if applicable. However, costs were also identified for specific actions related to preparing a site for a separated bikeway, including excavation, grading, curb/gutter removal, and clearing and grubbing (removing vegetation and roots). Though cost information was limited, the following individual costs were obtained (all costs are approximate): excavation (\$55 per foot); grading (\$2,000 per acre); curb/gutter removal (\$5 per linear foot); and clearing and grubbing (\$2,000 to \$15,500 per acre, depending on the width of the road and whether it is done on one or both sides of the road).

# **Traffic Calming Measures**

Traffic calming measures are engineering tools used with the goal of reducing vehicle speed and improving the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Common traffic calming measures include chicanes, chokers, curb extensions (neckdowns/bulb-outs), median islands, and raised crossings among others. In this section, cost information will be provided per unit, though certain traffic calming measures may also be given in linear or square feet. Any users of the database will, in cases when a treatment is provided in linear of square feet, need to calculate a cost based on the project specifications.

### Chicanes

Chicanes are concrete islands that offset traffic, and create a horizontal diversion of traffic used to reduce the speed of vehicular traffic on local streets. Landscaped chicanes have the added benefit of adding more green landscaping to a street. Figure 3 illustrates

how chicanes can be combined with a median island to ensure motorists do not disregard roadway markings.

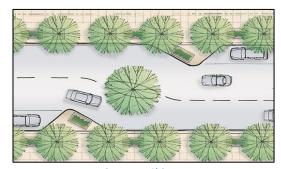


Figure 4 - Chicane

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum		Number of Sources (Observations)
Chicanes	Chicane	\$8,050	\$9,960	\$2,140	\$25,730	Each	8 (9)

**Table 3: Cost for Chicanes** 

# **Curb Extensions**

Curb extensions (see Figure 5), alternatively called chokers or bulb-outs, extend the sidewalk or curb line out into the parking lane, which reduces the effective street width and creates a pinch point along the street. They can be created by bringing both curbs in, or by more dramatically widening one side at a midblock location. They can also be used at



Figure 4: Curb Extension

intersections, creating a gateway effect. Costs can vary depending on drainage, the addition of street furnishings/landscaping/special paving, and whether utilities must be relocated.

The cost to retrofit a four-leg intersection with curb extensions would be approximately \$100,000 (8 X \$12,620), though costs will likely vary based on site conditions, drainage, and curb extension design.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
	Curb Extension/						
Curb Extension	Choker/ Bulb-Out	\$10,150	\$13,000	\$1,070	\$41,170	Each	19 (28)

**Table 4: Cost of Curb Extension** 

# **Diverters**

A diverter is an island built at a residential street intersection that prevents certain through and/or turning movements. They can be placed across both lanes of traffic as a full diverter or across one lane of traffic as a semi-diverter. There are four primary types of diverters: diagonal, star, forced turn, and truncated diverters (see Figure 6). A diagonal diverter breaks up cut-through movements and forces right or left turns in certain directions. A star diverter consists of a star-shaped island placed at the intersection, which forces right turns from each approach. A forced turn diverter is an island that forces drivers in one or more lanes of an intersection to turn in only direction. A truncated diagonal diverter, also known as a semi-diverter, has one end open to allow additional turning movements. The costs presented in the table below are limited to full diverters and truncated diagonal, or semi-, diverters. The cost of installations will vary based on the amount of material needed and the drainage needs at the site.

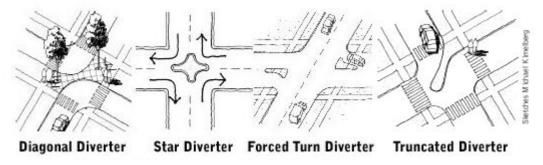


Figure 5: Diverters

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)	
Diverter	Diverter	\$22,790	\$26,040	\$10,000	\$51,460	Each		5 (6)
	Partial/Semi							
Diverter	Diverter	\$15,000	\$15,060	\$5,000	\$35,000	Each		3 (4)

**Table 5: Diverter Cost** 

# **Island**

Crossing islands — also known as center islands, refuge islands, pedestrian islands, or median slow points — are raised islands placed in the center of the street at intersections or midblock crossings to help protect crossing pedestrians from motor vehicles (see Figure 7). They allow pedestrians to deal with only one direction of traffic at a time, and enable pedestrians to stop partway across the street and wait for an adequate gap in traffic before crossing the second half of the street. Crossing islands can be constructed at an angle to the right so that crossing pedestrians are forced to the right to view oncoming traffic as they are halfway through the crossing.



Figure 6: Crossing Island

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Island	Median Island	\$10,460	\$13,520	\$2,140	\$41,170	Each	17 (19)
						Square	
Island	Median Island	\$9.80	\$10	\$2.28	\$26	Foot	6 (15)

**Table 6: Island Cost** 

### Median

Medians are raised islands that separate opposing streams of traffic and limit turning movements (see Figure 8). They are typically narrower than islands, are placed in the center of a roadway, and are separated from the travel lanes by a curb. Medians facilitate pedestrian crossings, improve pedestrian visibility to motorists, slow motor vehicle speeds, and provide space for lighting and landscaping. The costs for installing a median can vary based on the type of median, the materials, and the scope of the project.

Medians will often require grading, excavation, grubbing, and other site preparation activities. These costs are included in the cost information above, but may vary based on site conditions and the type of median.



Figure 8: Raised Median

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum		Number of Sources (Observations)
Median	Median	\$6.00	\$7.26	\$1.86	\$44	Square Foot	9 (30)

**Table 7: Median Cost** 

# **Raised Crossing**

A raised intersection is essentially a speed table for the entire intersection. Construction involves providing ramps on each vehicle approach, which elevates the entire intersection to the level of the sidewalk. A raised pedestrian crossing is similar to a raised intersection, but it is only the width of a crosswalk, usually 10 to 15 ft. (see Figure 9). Raised intersections and crosswalks encourage motorists to yield to pedestrians because the raised crosswalk increases pedestrian visibility and forces motorists to slow down before going over the speed table. Costs will vary based on the width of the road, as well as drainage conditions and the type of material used.



Figure 9: Raised Crossing

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Raised Crossing	Raised Crosswalk	\$7,110	\$8,170	\$1,290	\$30,880	Each	14 (14)
Raised Crossing	Raised Intersection	\$59,160	\$50,540	\$12,500	\$114,150	Each	5 (5)

**Table 8: Raised Crossing Cost** 

# **Roundabout/Traffic Circle**

Traffic circles can include anything from small mini-circles to large roundabouts (see Figures 10 and 11).



Figure 10: Mini-Circle



Figure 11: Roundabout

Costs for these items were not specified in enough detail to differentiate design details of each cost estimate. Roundabouts are circular intersections designed to eliminate left turns by requiring traffic to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> For a description of speed tables, see Appendix B.

exit to the right of the circle. Roundabouts are installed to reduce vehicular speeds, improve safety at intersections through eliminating angle collisions, help traffic flow more efficiently, reduce operation costs when converting from signalized intersections, and help create gateway treatments to signify the entrance of a special district or area. Costs will vary widely, depending on the size, site conditions, and whether right-of-way acquisitions are needed. Roundabouts usually have lower ongoing maintenance costs than traffic signals, depending on whether the roundabout is landscaped.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Roundabout/ Traffic Circle	Roundabout/ Traffic Circle	\$27,190	\$85,370	\$5,000	\$523,080	Each	11 (14)

**Table 9: Roundabout/ Traffic Circle Cost** 

# **Speed Treatments**

Speed humps are vertical traffic control measures that tend to have the most predictable speed reduction impacts. Speed humps are paved (usually asphalt) and approximately 3 to 4 inches-high at their center, and extend the full width of the street with height tapering near the drain gutter to allow unimpeded bicycle travel (see Figure 12). Speed bumps are typically smaller with a more extreme grade, which forces automobiles to more significantly reduce speeds but can more significantly impede bicyclists.

A speed table is a term used to describe a very long and broad speed hump, or a flat-topped speed hump, where sometimes a pedestrian crossing is provided in the flat portion of the speed table. The speed table can



Figure 12: Speed Hump

either be parabolic, making it more like a speed hump, or trapezoidal. Speed tables can be used in combination with curb extensions where parking exists. Costs can vary depending on the drainage needs of each site, the width of the road, and the specific design used.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Speed Bump/Hump /Cushion/Table	Speed Hump	\$2,130	\$2,640	\$690	\$6,860	Each	14 (14)
Speed Bump/Hump /Cushion/Table	Speed Bump	\$1,670	\$1,550	\$540	\$2,300	Each	4 (4)
Speed Bump/Hump /Cushion/Table	Speed Table	\$2,090	\$2,400	\$2,000	\$4,180	Each	5 (5)

Table 10: Speed Hump/ Cushion/ Table Cost

Speed treatments are usually installed as sets, typically in groups of three. For instance, assume that a two mile residential road has speeding issues and citizens petition to install speed humps. After examining the feasibility of the installation, the city decides to install three speed humps to ameliorate the issue, at a cost of \$7,500 (\$2,500 X 3).

# **Pedestrian Accommodations**

Pedestrian accommodation treatment costs are presented in this section. In this case, pedestrian accommodation refers to infrastructure provided to enhance the pedestrian environment that may include improving pedestrian safety, mobility and/or access. In many cases, treatment costs in this section will be presented as lump sums, though in some instances, the cost information may be provided in linear feet or square feet.

### **Bollard**

Traffic bollards are posts embedded in the ground, which are used to keep pedestrians safer, by slowing vehicle speeds and separating pedestrian from motor vehicle traffic, and/or limiting vehicle access either temporarily or permanently (see Figure 13). There are multiple types of bollards available for use (fixed, rising, security, removable, breakaway, decorative, flexible, etc.). The cost below combines these various types into one set of costs, and thus the costs will vary depending on the specific bollard type and material used.



Figure 13: Bollards

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources
Bollard	Bollard	\$650	\$730	\$62	\$4,130	Each	28 (42)

**Table 11: Bollard Cost** 

# **Curb Ramp**

Curb ramps provide access between the sidewalk and roadway for people using wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, crutches, handcarts, bicycles, or who have mobility impairments that make it difficult to step up and down the curbs (see Figure 14). While curb ramps are needed for use on all types of streets, priority locations are streets in downtown areas and near transit stops, schools, parks, medical facilities, shopping areas, and residences with people who use wheelchairs. Truncated domes/ detectable warning surfaces provide a distinctive surface pattern that is detectable underfoot as a warning to those who are visually impaired of an approaching street and are required at all intersections with sidewalks in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.



Figure 14: Curb Ramp

As many cities include truncated domes/detectable warnings as part of their curb ramp installations, combining the cost per square foot for detectable warnings and the wheelchair ramps in accordance with local design standards and multiplying by eight will provide a per intersection cost for providing ADA-compliant curb ramps.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Curb Ramp	Truncated Dome/ Detectable Warning	\$37	\$42	\$6.18	\$260	Square Foot	9 (15)
Curb Ramp	Wheelchair Ramp	\$740	\$810	\$89	\$3,600	Each	16 (31)
Curb Ramp	Wheelchair Ramp	\$12	\$12	\$3.37	\$76	Square Foot	10 (43)

**Table 12: Curb Ramp Cost** 

# Fence/Gate

Fencing and gating can help separate pedestrians and cyclists from roadways and railroad tracks, and can also be used in the construction of pedestrian/bicyclist paths, bridges, and overpasses (see Figure 15). The cost of pedestrian fencing and gates will vary depending on the location, type, design, material, height, etc. used. For instance, fencing may include chain link, ornamental or other fence types. The median and average costs provided below provide a range of estimates of what fencing is likely to cost.



Figure 15: Fencing

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
						Linear	
Fence/Gate	Fence	\$120	\$130	\$17	\$370	Foot	7 (7)
Fence/Gate	Gate	\$510	\$910	\$330	\$1,710	Each	5 (5)

Table 13: Fence/ Gate Cost

# **Gateway**

A gateway is a physical or geometric landmark that indicates a change in environment from a higher speed arterial or collector road to a lower speed residential, mixed-use, or commercial district (see Figure 16). They often place a higher emphasis on aesthetics and are frequently used to identify neighborhood and commercial areas within a larger urban setting. Sign costs below reflect a variety of materials, including plastic (\$500), metal (approximately \$200), and wood (approximately \$530).

The cost of gateway structures can range greatly depending on the specific type of items



**Figure 16: Gateway Treatment** 

chosen. The costs below combine a variety of gateway structure treatments, such as: monument signs (approximately \$19,000), street spanning arches supported by metal posts within bulb-outs (approximately \$64,000), and gateway columns (\$10,000).

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
	Gateway						
Gateway	Sign	\$350	\$340	\$130	\$520	Each	3 (4)
Gateway	Structure	\$15,350	\$22,750	\$5,000	\$64,330	Each	5 (6)

**Table 14: Gateway Cost** 

# Lighting

Adequate roadway lighting enhances the safety of all roadway users, while pedestrian-scale lighting improves nighttime security and enhances commercial districts (see Figure 17). These costs can vary depending on the fixture type and service agreement with local utility, as well as if other improvements are made to the streetscape at the same time. Also, though not included below, average approximate underpass lighting costs can range from \$350 to \$3,400 each, and crosswalk lighting can range from approximately \$10,750 to \$42,000 per crosswalk.

The cost range for in-pavement lights is very broad, based on manufacturer differences, roadway widths, and project-specific factors. Usually, in-pavement lights are installed as a system, which is the reason the total cost of installing lights at a location is included here, as opposed to an individual light cost.



Figure 17: Lighting

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Lighting	In-pavement Lighting	\$18,250	\$17,620	\$6,480	\$40,000	Total	4 (4)
Lighting	Streetlight	\$3,600	\$4,880	\$310	\$13,900	Each	12 (17)

**Table 15: Lighting Cost** 

# **Overpass/Underpass**

Pedestrian Overpasses and Underpasses completely separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic and provide safe pedestrian accommodation over often impassable barriers, such as highways, railways, and natural barriers such as rivers (see Figures 18 and 19). Overand Underpasses consist of different types of structures, including bridges, and are generally very expensive, though some cost savings can be realized depending on the materials used. Cost information is typically provided as a lump sum cost, but can also be presented as a cost per square foot.



Figure 18: Pedestrian Overpass

Underpasses (excluding bridges) range from slightly less than \$1,609,000 to \$10,733,000 in total or around \$120 per square foot.

Overpasses (excluding bridges) have a range from \$150 to \$250 per square foot or \$1,073,000 to \$5,366,000 per complete installation, depending on site conditions.

The cost for specific types of bridges can vary substantially, based on the specific situation, materials, and other factors, as demonstrated in the table below for wooden and pre-fab steel bridges.



Figure 19: Pedestrian Underpass

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Overpass/Underpass	Wooden Bridge	\$122,610	\$124,670	\$91,010	\$165,710	Each	1 (8)
Overpass/Underpass	Pre-Fab Steel Bridge	\$191,400	\$206,290	\$41,850	\$653,840	Each	5 (5)

Table 16: Overpass/ Underpass Cost

# **Railing**

Pedestrian railings provide an important safety benefit on walkways, and are required for ADA compliance on ramps with steep inclines and along stairways. They also buffer the pedestrian path from vehicular traffic. Pedestrian railing materials range from aluminum and steel to wood and chain link fence. All of these costs are aggregated in the table below.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
						Linear	
Railing	Pedestrian Rail	\$95	\$100	\$7.20	\$690	Foot	29 (83)

**Table 17: Railing Cost** 

### **Street Furniture**

Street furniture often serves as a buffer between the sidewalk and the roadway, providing an important safety benefit to pedestrians. Including trees, benches, bus shelters, newspaper racks, kiosks, and other pedestrian amenities, street furniture also serves to create a more pleasant and attractive environment for pedestrians.

The cost of street furniture will vary depending on the design, style, and manufacturer for benches, bus shelters, and other street furniture, while trees will also vary in cost based on the type and size of tree

Handrails are required for ADA accessibility on both sides of paths with rise greater than 6 inches or a horizontal projection greater than 72 inches, as well as all stairways.

(see Figure 20). The costs that follow and provided in the table below assume to include installation, which can vary based on the number of items installed at one time.

More substantial structures tend to be more expensive, with gazebos averaging at nearly \$53,000, with a range of \$36,600 to \$71,600; information kiosks averaging at slightly less than \$16,000; and shade shelters averaging at \$30,000, with a range of \$29,290 to \$41,850.

Historical markers average at \$3,498 with a range of \$1,230 to \$4,700, while newspaper racks typically cost slightly less than \$6,500. Picnic tables cost around \$1,683 on average with a range of \$530 to \$4,180 based on materials and manufacturer. Lastly, tree grates cost an average of \$1,340 or between \$1,400 and \$3,500 (not including the tree), while shrubs cost between \$55 and \$80. Street furniture removal costs are also available. Bench removal costs around \$910 with a range of costs from \$80 to \$3,140, while bus shelter removal averages at \$3,690 with a range of as low as \$720 to \$10,460. Costs for removing trash cans (\$320 average, \$130 to \$520 range) and tree grates (\$250 average, \$52 to \$890 range) are also available.



Figure 20: Bench

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Street Furniture	Street Trees	\$460	\$430	\$54	\$940	Each	7(7)
Street Furniture	Bench	\$1,660	\$1,550	\$220	\$5,750	Each	15 (17)
Street Furniture	Bus Shelter	\$11,490	\$11,560	\$5,230	\$41,850	Each	4 (4)
Street Furniture	Trash/ Recycling Receptacle	\$1,330	\$1,420	\$310	\$3,220	Each	12 (13)

**Table 18: Street Furniture Cost** 

### **Street Closures**

Full and partial (half) street closures are the ultimate way of discouraging automobile through traffic, while still allowing pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Typically, full street closures close the street entirely to vehicles, while partial street closures restrict turning movements onto streets, without having to create one-way streets. Depending on the street closure strategy, which could use bollards, islands, or other measures, the costs are likely to vary substantially. Full street closures can cost from less than \$500 to \$120,000, while partial street closures usually cost around \$37,500, but can cost as low as \$10,290 or as high as \$41,170.



Figure 21: Full Street Closure

The wide ranges in price for full and partial street closures are related to the strategies used to complete the street closure. For instance, a full street closure (see Figure 21) can be accomplished by only adding a few bollards, but under a different strategy might involve altering roadway design by installing new concrete islands, restriping, and adding channelizer cones and signage. Depending on the site conditions, either strategy might be appropriate. More information about exact street closure costs can be found in the full database.

# **Pedestrian Crossings and Paths**

This section provides information about the cost of facilities for pedestrians and includes information about sidewalks, crosswalks, and paths. Treatment information for sidewalks is presented in miles or square feet, while crosswalks are included as a cost per unit. Path costs are presented in either miles or linear feet. For some infrastructure treatments, such as paths, cost information was presented using a variety of different units. Assuming that a standard multi-use path is

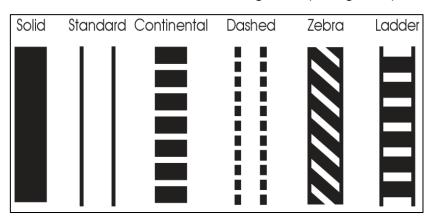


Figure 22: Crosswalk

eight feet wide, the authors converted cost information for paths to linear feet and miles.

## **Crosswalks**

Striped crosswalks indicate a legal and preferred crossing for pedestrians, and may be installed at intersections or midblock locations. Motorists often fail to yield to pedestrians at these crossing points so marked crosswalks (see Figure 22) are often installed to warn motorists to expect pedestrians crossings ahead and also to indicate a preferred crossing location to pedestrians. A wide variety of crosswalk marking patterns exist, including parallel lines (standard crosswalk marking) and high visibility types, which include ladder, transverse lines, and zebra among others (see Figure 23).



**Figure 23: Optional Crosswalk Marking Patterns** 

Cost information for striped crosswalks of all varieties as well as for high visibility crosswalks is given in the table above. However, some of the bid prices for striped crosswalks may include some high visibility crosswalks, though it was not specified.

For other crosswalk types, costs tend to vary by a large amount. For instance, for crosswalks using other materials such as brick or pavement scoring, costs range from \$7.25 to \$15 per square foot, or approximately \$2,500 to \$5,000 each. Ladder crosswalks cost range from \$350 to \$1,000 each and patterned concrete crosswalks cost \$3,470 each or \$9.68 per square foot on average.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
	High Visibility						
Crosswalk	Crosswalk	\$3,070	\$2,540	\$600	\$5,710	Each	4(4)
Crosswalk	Striped Crosswalk	\$340	\$770	\$110	\$2,090	Each	8 (8)
						Linear	
Crosswalk	Striped Crosswalk	\$5.87	\$8.51	\$1.03	\$26	Foot	12 (48)
						Square	
Crosswalk	Striped Crosswalk	\$6.32	\$7.38	\$1.06	\$31	Foot	5 (15)

**Table 19: Crosswalk Cost** 

Since street widths vary a large amount depending on the situation, it is difficult to estimate the cost to provide crosswalks at every intersection. However, if a high visibility crosswalk costs approximately \$3,000 per crossing, the cost for the entire intersection would be \$12,000 (\$3,000 X 4).

# **Sidewalks**

Sidewalks are the most basic pedestrian facility and provide an area within the public right-of-way for pedestrian travel (see Figure 24). Sidewalk materials can vary substantially, including concrete, asphalt, brick, or other materials. In some cases, sidewalk costs are presented as a combination of both sidewalks and curbs, though it is important to note that the costs presented in the table below represent the cost of the sidewalk "in the ground" and may or may not include curb and gutter. All sidewalk costs are presented either by linear foot or by square foot with all unit conversion assuming that sidewalks are five feet in width. Sidewalk costs without sufficient details to include in the table are included in the following paragraphs.



Figure 24: Sidewalk

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Sidewalk	Asphalt Paved Shoulder	\$5.81	\$5.56	\$2.96	\$7.65	Square Foot	1 (4)
Sidewalk	Asphalt Sidewalk	\$16	\$35	\$6.02	\$150	Linear Foot	7 (11)

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Sidewalk	Brick Sidewalk	\$60	\$60	\$12	\$160	Linear Foot	9 (9)
Sidewalk	Concrete Paved Shoulder	\$6.10	\$6.64	\$2.79	\$58	Square Foot	1 (11)
Sidewalk	Concrete Sidewalk	\$27	\$32	\$2.09	\$410	Linear Foot	46 (164)
Sidewalk	Concrete Sidewalk - Patterned	\$38	\$36	\$11	\$170	Linear Foot	4 (5)
Sidewalk	Concrete Sidewalk - Stamped	\$45	\$45	\$4.66	\$160	Linear Foot	12 (17)
Sidewalk	Concrete Sidewalk + Curb	\$170	\$150	\$23	\$230	Linear Foot	4 (7)
Sidewalk	Sidewalk Unspecified	\$34	\$45	\$14	\$150	Linear Foot	17 (24)
Sidewalk	Sidewalk Pavers	\$70	\$80	\$54	\$200	Linear Foot	3 (4)

**Table 20: Sidewalk Cost** 

### **Paths**

Multi-use paths are the safest facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists, providing mobility options away from the roadway. Often accommodating both pedestrians and bikes, multi-use paths are usually at least eight feet in width, can be both paved and unpaved, and are used for both recreation and transportation purposes. Costs will vary substantially for multi-use paths, based on the materials used, right-of-way costs, and other factors.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Path	Boardwalk	\$1,957,040	\$2,219,470	\$789,390	\$4,288,520	Mile	5 (5)
Path	Multi-Use Trail - Paved	\$261,000	\$481,140	\$64,710	\$4,288,520	Mile	11 (42)
Path	Multi-Use Trail - Unpaved	\$83,870	\$121,390	\$29,520	\$412,720	Mile	3 (7)

Table 21: Path Cost

# **Mid-Block Crossings**

Mid-block crossings can be necessary on major roads with few intersections or in areas with documented pedestrian crash problems. Often installed in conjunction with other safety and traffic calming features, particularly advance yield lines, in-pavement yield/stop signs, raised pedestrian crossings, or Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons or High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signals, mid-block crossings can make substantial improvements in pedestrian safety, while also having traffic calming effects. Mid-block crossings are striped crosswalks away from intersections and are very helpful in the vicinity of transit stops or in other areas where pedestrians are likely to cross the road often.

Mid-block crossings are typically much more expensive than standard crosswalk treatments, with costs ranging from approximately \$2,700 to more than \$71,000 if bulb-outs, trees, landscaping, crosswalks, etc. are included. It is a good idea to consider the context of the situation in order to apply a tailored solution, usually a combination of infrastructure treatments, to ensure that pedestrians are accommodated in the safest possible way.

# **Signals**

Signals for both pedestrians and bicyclists are included in this section. Pedestrian and bicycle detectors and speed trailers are included in this section as well. New signal types have become more prevalent in the last ten years, including the Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon and the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon, formerly known as a High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal. These are included here. Efforts will be made to include any new signals as they become more prevalent.

# **Flashing Beacon**

Flashing beacons are typically used in conjunction with pedestrian crossings to provide an enhanced warning for vehicles to yield to pedestrians.

Rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) differ from regular flashing beacons in that RRFBs have a rapid strobe-like warning flash, are brighter, and can be specifically aimed (see Figure 25). As a relatively new treatment, RRFBs have not been implemented extensively throughout this country, but are now becoming more prevalent in certain states and cities. The cost to furnish and install a flashing beacon can vary widely, depending on site conditions and the type of device used. The costs shown in the table include the complete system installation with labor and materials.



Figure 25: Rapid Flash Beacon

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Flashing Beacon	Flashing Beacon	\$5,170	\$10,010	\$360	\$59,100	Each	16 (25)
Flashing Beacon	RRFB	\$14,160	\$22,250	\$4,520	\$52,310	Each	3 (4)

**Table 22: Flashing Beacon Cost** 

# **Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon**

The Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon, otherwise known as the High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal, is a special type of beacon to warn and control vehicles to allow pedestrians to safely cross a road or highway at a marked midblock crossing location (see Figure 26). Developed by the City of Tucson, Arizona in the 1990s, the pedestrian hybrid beacon is comprised of three signal sections, overhead pedestrian crosswalk signs, pedestrian detectors, and countdown pedestrian signal heads. According to a FHWA study, pedestrian hybrid beacons have a large impact on vehicle yielding rates. <sup>13</sup> As with RRFBs, pedestrian hybrid beacons are typically



Figure 26: Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon

more expensive to implement and maintain than some devices, but less expensive than full traffic signals.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	\$51,460	\$57,680	\$21,440	\$128,660	Each	9 (9)

**Table 23: Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon Cost** 

# **Pedestrian and Bicycle Detection**

Pedestrian and bicycle detection devices are used to determine if a pedestrian or bicyclist is waiting for the signal. There are many different ways that these devices detect pedestrians and bicyclists. For instance, bicycle detectors (\$1,920 on average, \$1,070 to \$2,680 range) are usually loop detectors embedded in the pavement, while pedestrian detectors use video and other strategies to detect the presence of pedestrians waiting to cross.

Actuated pedestrian detectors provide dynamic recognition of pedestrians and signal to motorists to stop once a pedestrian approaches a crosswalk. The cost to retrofit a signal with a pushbutton at an existing pedestrian signal averages around \$350. The cost to remove a pushbutton installation is slightly more than \$45 on average, with a range of \$21 to \$92.

							Number of
						Cost	Sources
Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Unit	(Observations)
Pedestrian/Bike	Furnish and Install						
Detection	Pedestrian Detector	\$180	\$390	\$68	\$1,330	Each	7 (14)
Pedestrian/Bike							
Detection	Push Button	\$230	\$350	\$61	\$2,510	Each	22 (34)

Table 24: Pedestrian/ Bike Detection Cost

# **Signals for Drivers and Pedestrians**

Signals serve the important function of guiding and regulating traffic and help reduce conflicts between different road users. Many of the costs in the table below are representative of various components of a signal and are not representative of the complete cost of a signal. Some information about signals is not included in the table, namely bicycle signals, which have an average cost of \$12,800. In the table, "Signal Face" refers to the cost of a signal's front display visible to pedestrians, while "Signal Head" refers to the entire unit. The adjacent image displays a pedestrian countdown timer signal (see Figure 27).



Figure 277: Pedestrian Signal

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
	Audible Pedestrian						4 (4)
Signal	Signal	\$810	\$800	\$550	\$990	Each	. ( . )
	Countdown Timer						14 (18)
Signal	Module	\$600	\$740	\$190	\$1,930	Each	14 (16)

Signal	Pedestrian Signal	\$980	\$1,480	\$130	\$10,000	Each	22 (33)
Signal	Signal Face	\$490	\$430	\$130	\$800	Each	3 (6)
Signal	Signal Head	\$570	\$550	\$100	\$1,450	Each	12 (26)
Signal	Signal Pedestal	\$640	\$800	\$490	\$1,160	Each	3 (5)

**Table 25: Signal Cost** 

# **Speed Trailer**

Speeding in neighborhoods can create dangerous situations for pedestrians, particularly children. Speed trailers, which display the motorist speed and provide a warning if the speed limit is exceeded, as well as signs and reader boards can help education and awareness efforts and can be especially effective when coupled with enforcement efforts.

Speed trailers are sign boards that display the speed or passing vehicles and typically range in cost from \$7,000 to \$12,410 with an average cost of \$9,510 (see Figure 28). Speed reader boards are similar to speed trailers, but are typically permanently installed.



Figure 28: Speed Trailer

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum		Number of Sources (Observations)	
Speed Trailer	Speed Trailer	\$9,480	\$9,510	\$7,000	\$12,410	Each		6 (6)

**Table 26: Speed Trailer Cost** 

# **Signs**

Signs can provide important information that can improve road safety. By letting people know what to expect, there is a greater chance that they will react and behave appropriately. Regulatory signs, such as STOP (see Figure 29), YIELD, or turn restriction signs such as NO TURN ON RED require compliant driver actions and can be enforced. Sign use and movement should be done judiciously, as overuse may breed noncompliance and disrespect.

Signs not included in the table but pertinent to pedestrian and bicyclists include (all costs are approximated and per unit): bike route signage (\$160), "no turn on red" signage (\$220 for a metal sign or \$3,200 for an electronic sign), in-pavement yield paddles (\$240), trail regulation sign (\$160), and trail wayfinding/information sign (range from \$530 to \$2,150).



Figure 29: Stop Sign

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Sign	Stop/Yield Signs	\$220	\$300	\$210	\$560	Each	4 (4)

**Table 27: Sign Cost** 

# **Striping**

Striping costs, in this case, include bicycle and pedestrian symbols, textured pavement, yield/stop lines, and painted island/curb/sidewalks. For symbols, cost information is provided per unit, while striping and painted surfaces are given as linear and square feet, respectively.

# **Pavement Marking**

Pavement markings cover a variety of pedestrian and bicycle treatment costs. Advance stop/yield lines (see Figure 30) improve the visibility of pedestrians to motorists and prevent multiple-threat crashes. They also encourage drivers to stop back far enough so a pedestrian can see if a second motor vehicle is not stopping and be able to take evasive action.



Figure 30: Advance Stop/Yield Lines

The advance stop or yield line should be supplemented with "Stop Here For Pedestrians" signs to alert drivers where to stop to let a pedestrian cross. The price will range depending on the material used and the type of line selected. Having island markings and painted curbs/sidewalks can alert pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers of the presence of these items, and also help restrict parking. Painting a "bicycle box" (see Figure 31) will cost approximately \$11.50 per square foot. "Striping" combines a number of related costs, such as: contraflow lanes, broken/solid white or yellow stripe, bicycle lanes, and bikeway centerlines. It also combines the wide assortment of widths and materials used for striping.



Figure 31: Bicycle Box

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Pavement Marking	Advance Stop/Yield Line	\$380	\$320	\$77	\$570	Each	3 (5)
Pavement Marking	Advance Stop/Yield Line	\$10	\$10	\$4.46	\$100	Square Foot	1 (4)
Pavement Marking	Island Marking	\$1.49	\$1.94	\$0.41	\$11	Square Foot	1 (4)
Pavement Marking	Painted Curb/Sidewalk	\$1.21	\$3.40	\$0.44	\$12	Square Foot	4 (5)
Pavement Marking	Painted Curb/Sidewalk	\$2.57	\$3.06	\$1.05	\$10	Linear Foot	2 (5)

**Table 28: Pavement Marking Cost** 

iv A multiple-threat crash involves a driver stopping in one lane of a multilane road to permit pedestrians to cross, blocking the view of oncoming vehicles travelling in the same direction and causing a collision between the motorist and pedestrian.

# **Pavement Marking Symbols**

Pavement marking symbol costs have been separated by the type of symbol. "Pedestrian Crossing" symbols notify pedestrians and/or motorists of places where pedestrians cross the street. "Shared Lane/Bicycle" symbols identify bicycle lanes and/or shared-lanes (see Figure 32). School crossing symbols highlight areas where motorists should be aware of children and increased pedestrian activity.

Costs will vary due to the type of paint used and the size of the symbol, as well as whether the symbol is added at the same time as other road treatments.



Figure 32: Shared Lane Marking

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Pavement Marking Symbol	Pedestrian Crossing	\$310	\$360	\$240	\$1,240	Each	4 (6)
Pavement Marking Symbol	Shared Lane/Bicycle Marking	\$160	\$180	\$22	\$600	Each	15 (39)
Pavement Marking Symbol	School Crossing	\$520	\$470	\$100	\$1,150	Each	4 (18)

**Table 29: Pavement Marking Symbol Cost** 

# **Curb and Gutter**

Curb and Gutters are used in conjunction with a number of other bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements, such as: sidewalks, bikeways, medians, islands, paths, curb extensions, bikeways, diverters, chicanes, and bulb-outs, among others. The cost can vary widely based on the scale of the project and whether the curb and/or gutter installation is in conjunction with other road treatments.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Curb/Gutter	Curb	\$18	\$21	\$1.05	\$110	Linear Foot	16 (68)
Curb/Gutter	Curb and Gutter	\$20	\$21	\$1.05	\$120	Linear Foot	16 (108)
Curb/Gutter	Gutter	\$23	\$23	\$10	\$78	Linear Foot	4 (4)

Table 30: Curb/ Gutter Cost

# **Summary of Results**

These tables and associated database provide up-to-date information on pedestrian and bicycle treatments. It is important to remember that the tables above are estimates of pedestrian and bicycle-related infrastructure costs and that infrastructure costs will likely differ substantially between communities and between states. Additionally, these costs may not always accurately reflect the current market price of materials, labor, mobilization, and other costs included in all situations. More detailed infrastructure cost information can be found in the larger database, located at <a href="https://pedbikecosts">bit.ly/pedbikecosts</a>.

This database of costs is presented here for use by city planners, engineers, and other city officials. The ultimate goal of the database is to encourage bicycling and walking and to make bicycling and walking safer through the provision of relevant infrastructure. HSRC researchers hope that this cost database is used to simplify the process for implementing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and will help decision-makers understand the costs involved in sustaining and encouraging pedestrian and bicycle transportation. By making more informed decisions about the costs of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure treatments, decision-makers will be able to dedicate funds to those treatments secure in the knowledge that a) these investments are often affordable and b) which treatment is the most cost-effective.

Additionally, this database will be available to both city transportation officials as well the general public, allowing anyone with an interest in non-motorized transportation the chance to research cost information.

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# **Appendix A - Links to Database and More Information**

The final database, including more detailed information about the data source of each observation, is located at the following URL: <a href="https://bit.ly/pedbikecosts">bit.ly/pedbikecosts</a>. It also includes more information regarding materials, classes, units, etc.

A summary page with additional resources and information can be found here: <a href="http://www.walkinginfo.org/library/details.cfm?id=4876">http://www.walkinginfo.org/library/details.cfm?id=4876</a>

This paper can be downloaded directly by following this URL: <a href="http://katana.hsrc.unc.edu/cms/downloads/Costs-for-Pedestrian-Bicycle-Infrastructure-Improvements.xlsx">http://katana.hsrc.unc.edu/cms/downloads/Costs-for-Pedestrian-Bicycle-Infrastructure-Improvements.xlsx</a>

# Appendix B - Glossary of Terms

# **Bicycle Boulevard**

A bicycle boulevard is a low-speed street that has been designed to give priority to bicyclists as throughgoing traffic. They discourage non-local vehicular traffic and provide right-of-way and traffic control to bicyclists. A variety of traffic calming elements can be used to create these streets, such as diverters, curb extensions, and partial or full road closures.

# **Bicycle Lane**

Bicycle lanes are designated travel lanes for bicyclists, separated from vehicular traffic by striping. For this database, the width is assumed to be five feet.

# **Bicycle Locker**

A bicycle locker is a box or locker used to store a single bicycle. They are typically used in areas where parking is needed for an extended period of time yet where otherwise the bicycles could be damaged or stolen.

# **Bicycle Parking Stations**

Bicycle parking stations are buildings or structures designed to provide secure bicycle parking, with sheltered bike racks secured by having on-site staff or a gate/door controlled by key or electronic card access. Facility designs range from a simple cage or shed to multi-level structures. Some also include other facilities, such as bicycle repair workstation, showers, and/or lockers.

# **Bicycle Racks**

Bicycle racks are devices to which bicycles can be securely attached in order to prevent theft. General styles include: the Inverted U, Serpentine, Bollard, Grid and Decorative.

# **Bicycle Stairway Channel**

A bicycle stairway channel is a pedestrian stairway with an included channel, which helps facilitate walking a bicycle up or down the stairs.

# **Bikeway Preparation**

Bikeway preparation is what is required to prepare a site for a separated bicycle route, including excavation, grading, curb/gutter removal, and clearing and grubbing.

# **Bollard**

Traffic bollards are used to keep pedestrians safe, slow and separate traffic, and limit vehicle access either temporarily or permanently.

# **Bus Racks**

Bus racks are typically attached to the front of a bus to facilitate the transportation of bicycles for bus riders.

### Chicanes

Chicanes are concrete islands that offset traffic, and create a horizontal diversion of traffic used to reduce the speed of vehicular traffic on local streets. Landscaped chicanes have the added benefit of adding more green landscaping to a street.

## **Chokers**

Chokers are curb extensions that narrow a street by widening the sidewalks or planting strips, effectively creating a pinch point along the street. They can be created by bringing both curbs in, or by more dramatically widening one side at a midblock location.

## **Crossing Islands**

Also known as center islands, refuge islands, pedestrian islands, or median slow points, crossing islands are raised islands placed in the center of the street at intersections or midblock crossings to help protect crossing pedestrians from motor vehicles.

## Crosswalk

Striped crosswalks indicate a legal crossing for pedestrians, while natural unmarked crosswalks occur at the intersection of any two streets. Motorists often fail to yield to pedestrians at these crossing points and marked crosswalks are often installed to warn motorists to expect pedestrians and to indicate safe and comfortable crossing locations for pedestrians.

# **Curb and Gutter**

Curb and Gutters are used in conjunction with a number of other bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements, such as: sidewalks, bikeways, medians, islands, paths, curb extensions, bikeways, diverters, chicanes, and bulb-outs, among others.

# **Curb Extensions**

Curb extensions extend the sidewalk or curb line out into the parking lane, which reduces the effective street width. They are often also known as chokers or bulb-outs.

## **Curb Ramp**

Curb ramps provide access between the sidewalk and roadway for people using wheelchairs, strollers, walkers, crutches, handcarts, bicycles, or who have mobility impairments that make it difficult to step up and down high curbs.

# **Diverter**

A diverter is an island built at a residential street intersection that prevents certain through and/or turning movements. There are four primary types of diverters, namely diagonal, star, forced turn, and truncated diverters. A diagonal diverter breaks up cut-through movements and forces right or left turns in certain directions. A star diverter consists of a star-shaped island placed at the intersection, which forces right turns from each approach. A truncated diagonal diverter is a diverter with one end open to allow additional turning movements.

# Fence/Gate

Fencing and gating can help separate pedestrians and cyclists from roadways and railroad tracks, and can also be used in the construction of pedestrian/bicyclist paths, bridges, and overpasses.

# **Flashing Beacons**

Flashing beacons are typically used in conjunction with pedestrian crossings to provide an enhanced warning for vehicles to yield to pedestrians. Rectangular rapid flash beacons (RRFBs) differ from regular flashing beacons in that RRFBs have a rapid strobe-like warning flash, are brighter, and can be specifically aimed.

## Gateway

A gateway is a physical or geometric landmark that indicates a change in environment from a higher speed arterial or collector road to a lower speed residential or commercial district. They often place a higher emphasis on aesthetics and are frequently used to identify neighborhood and commercial areas within a larger urban setting.

# Lighting

Adequate roadway lighting enhances the safety of all roadway users, while pedestrian-scale lighting improves nighttime security and enhances commercial districts.

## Median

Medians are defined as raised islands placed in the center of a roadway in order to separates opposing streams of traffic and limit turning movements. Medians facilitate pedestrian crossings, improve pedestrian visibility to motorists, slow motor vehicle speeds, and provide space for lighting and landscaping.

# **Mid-Block Crossing**

Often installed in conjunction with other safety and traffic calming features, particularly advance yield lines, in-pavement yield/stop signs, raised pedestrian crossings, or Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons, mid-block crossings can affect substantial improvements in pedestrian safety, while also having traffic calming effects. Mid-block crossings are striped crosswalks away from intersections and are very helpful in the vicinity of transit stops or in other areas where pedestrians are likely to cross the road often.

# Overpass/Underpass

Pedestrian Overpasses and Underpasses completely separate pedestrians from vehicular traffic and provide safe pedestrian accommodation over often impassable barriers, such as highways, railways, and natural barriers such as rivers.

# Path

Multi-use paths are the safest pedestrian facilities and provide pedestrian mobility options away from the roadway. Often accommodating both pedestrians and bikes, multi-use paths are usually at least eight feet in width, can be both paved and unpaved, and are used for both recreation and transportation purposes.

# **Pavement Marking**

Pavement markings cover a variety of pedestrian and bicycle treatment costs, including advance stop/yield lines, island markings, painted curbs/sidewalks, and symbols.

# **Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon**

The Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon, otherwise known as the High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal, is a special type of beacon to warn and control vehicles to allow pedestrians to safely cross a road or highway at a marked midblock crossing location. Developed by the City of Tucson, Arizona in the 1990s, the pedestrian hybrid beacon is comprised of three signal sections, overhead pedestrian crosswalk signs, pedestrian detectors, and countdown pedestrian signal heads.

# Railing

Pedestrian railings provide an important safety benefit on walkways with steep inclines or on stairs and also buffer the pedestrian path from vehicular traffic.

# **Raised Crosswalk**

Raised crosswalks are similar to a raised intersection, with ramps on each side elevating the road to the level of the sidewalk, though only the width of a crosswalk, usually 10 - 15 ft.

# **Raised Intersection**

Raised intersections are essentially speed tables for the entire intersection, with ramps on each vehicle approach, which elevate the entire intersection to the level of the sidewalk.

### Roundabout

Roundabouts are circular intersections designed to eliminate left turns by requiring traffic to exit to the right of the circle. They are usually installed to reduce vehicular speeds, improve safety at intersections through eliminating angle collisions, help traffic flow more efficiently, reduce operation costs when converting from signalized intersections, and help create gateway treatments to signify the entrance of a special district or area.

# **Separated Bikeway**

Separated bikeways are paths completely separated from vehicular traffic and used exclusively by pedestrians and bicyclists, with crossflow minimized. For this database, the path width is assumed to be eight feet.

# **Sidewalk**

Sidewalks are the most basic pedestrian facility and provide a safe area within the public right-of-way for pedestrian travel.

# **Signed Bicycle Routes**

Signed bicycle routes are roads where bicyclists and motor vehicles are not separated. Shared-use of the street is indicated with signing.

# **Signals for Drivers and Pedestrians**

Signals serve the important function of guiding and regulating traffic and help reduce conflicts between different road users.

# Signs

Signs can provide important information that can improve road safety. By letting people know what to expect, there is a greater chance that they will react and behave appropriately. Regulatory signs, such as STOP, YIELD, or turn restriction signs such as NO TURN ON RED require compliant driver actions and can be enforced.

# **Speed Bumps**

Speed bumps are typically smaller than speed humps with a more extreme grade, which forces automobiles to more significantly reduce speeds.

# **Speed Humps**

Speed humps are paved (usually asphalt) and are approximately 3 to 4 in. high at their center. They are used to slow traffic in neighborhoods and extend the full width of the street with height tapering near the drain gutter to allow unimpeded bicycle travel.

# **Speed Table**

Speed tables are very long and broad speed humps, or flat-topped speed humps, where sometimes a pedestrian crossing is provided in the flat portion of the speed table. The primary use of speed tables is to calm traffic in neighborhoods.

# **Speed Trailer**

Speed trailers, which display the motorist speed and provide a warning if the speed limit is exceeded, as well as signs and reader boards can help education and awareness efforts and can be especially effective when coupled with enforcement efforts.

# **Street Closure**

Full and partial (half) street closures are the ultimate way of discouraging automobile through traffic, while still allowing pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Typically, full street closures close the street entirely to vehicles, while partial street closures restrict turning movements onto streets, without having to create one-way streets.

### **Street Furniture**

Street furniture often serves as a buffer between the sidewalk and the roadway, providing an important safety benefit to pedestrians. Including trees, benches, bus shelters, newspaper racks, kiosks, and other pedestrian amenities, street furniture also serves to create a more pleasant and attractive environment for pedestrians.

# **Appendix C - Cost Information by State**

Table 21: Cost Information Frequency by State

	Number of
State	Treatments
AL	30
AK	6
AZ	1
AR	21
CA	146
СО	80
СТ	1
DE	0
DC	0
FL	75
GA	44
HI	0
ID	5
IL	4
IN	24
IA	63
KS	38
KY	41
LA	21
ME	11
MD	1
MA	104
MI	29
MN	115
MS	0
МО	16
MT	15
NE	86
NV	0
NH	1
NJ	26
NM	57
NY	24
NC	68
ND	9
ОН	161

	Number of
State	Treatments
ОК	33
OR	78
PA	0
RI	21
SC	49
SD	0
TN	0
TX	24
UT	0
VT	60
VA	32
WA	13
WV	0
WI	101
WY	2
National	5
Unknown	6
Total	1747

# **Appendix D - Complete Table of Infrastructure Costs**The tables presented in this paper are summarized in the table below.

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum Low	Maximum High	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Bicycle Parking	Bicycle Locker	\$2,140	\$2,090	\$1,280	\$2,680	Each	4 (5)
Bicycle Parking	Bicycle Rack	\$540	\$660	\$64	\$3,610	Each	19 (21)
Bikeway	Bicycle Lane	\$89,470	\$133,170	\$5,360	\$536,680	Mile	6 (6)
Bikeway	Concrete Bicycle Path	\$182,870	\$179,340	\$91,420	\$343,700	Mile	2 (6)
Bikeway	Signed Bicycle Route	\$27,240	\$25,070	\$5,360	\$64,330	Mile	3 (6)
Bikeway	Signed Bicycle Route with Improvements	\$241,230	\$239,440	\$42,890	\$536,070	Mile	1 (6)
Bollard	Bollard	\$650	\$730	\$62	\$4,130	Each	28 (42)
Chicanes	Chicane	\$8,050	\$9,960	\$2,140	\$25,730	Each	8 (9)
Crosswalk	High Visibility Crosswalk	\$3,070	\$2,540	\$600	\$5,710	Each	4(4)
Crosswalk	Striped Crosswalk	\$340	\$770	\$110	\$2,090	Each	8 (8)
Crosswalk	Striped Crosswalk	\$5.87	\$8.51	\$1.03	\$26	Linear Foot	12 (48)
Crosswalk	Striped Crosswalk	\$6.32	\$7.38	\$1.06	\$31	Square Foot	5 (15)
Curb/Gutter	Curb	\$18	\$21	\$1.05	\$110	Linear Foot	16 (68)
Curb/Gutter	Curb and Gutter	\$20	\$21	\$1.05	\$120	Linear Foot	16 (108)
Curb/Gutter	Gutter	\$23	\$23	\$10	\$78	Linear Foot	4 (4)
Curb Extension	Curb Extension/ Choker/ Bulb-Out	\$10,150	\$13,000	\$1,070	\$41,170	Each	19(28)
Curb Ramp	Truncated Dome/Detectable Warning	\$37	\$42	\$6.18	\$260	Square Foot	9 (15)
Curb Ramp	Wheelchair Ramp	\$740	\$810	\$89	\$3,600	Each	16 (31)
Curb Ramp	Wheelchair Ramp	\$12	\$12	\$3.37	\$76	Square Foot	10 (43)
Diverter	Diverter	\$22,790	\$26,040	\$10,000	\$51,460	Each	5 (6)
Diverter	Partial/Semi Diverter	\$15,000	\$15,060	\$5,000	\$35,000	Each	3 (4)
Fence/Gate	Fence	\$120	\$130	\$17	\$370	Linear Foot	7 (7)
Fence/Gate	Gate	\$510	\$910	\$330	\$1,710	Each	5 (5)
Flashing Beacon	Flashing Beacon	\$5,170	\$10,010	\$360	\$59,100	Each	16 (25)
Flashing Beacon	RRFB	\$14,160	\$22,250	\$4,520	\$52,310	Each	3 (4)
Gateway	Gateway Sign	\$350	\$340	\$130	\$520	Each	3 (4)
Gateway	Structure	\$15,350	\$22,750	\$5,000	\$64,330	Each	5 (6)
Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon	\$51,460	\$57,680	\$21,440	\$128,660	Each	9 (9)
Island	Median Island	\$10,460	\$13,520	\$2,140	\$41,170	Each	17 (19)

				Minimum	Maximum		Number of Sources
Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Low	High	Cost Unit	(Observations)
Island	Median Island	\$9.80	\$10	\$2.28	\$26	Square Foot	6 (15)
Lighting	In-pavement Lighting	\$18,250	\$17,620	\$6,480	\$40,000	Total	4 (4)
Lighting	Streetlight	\$3,600	\$4,880	\$310	\$13,900	Each	12 (17)
Median	Median	\$6.00	\$7.26	\$1.86	\$44	Square Foot	9 (30)
Overpass/ Underpass	Wooden Bridge	\$122,610	\$124,670	\$91,010	\$165,710	Each	1 (8)
Overpass/ Underpass	Pre-Fab Steel Bridge	\$191,400	\$206,290	\$41,850	\$653,840	Each	5 (5)
Path	Boardwalk	\$1,957,040	\$2,219,470	\$789,390	\$4,288,520	Mile	5 (5)
Path	Multi-Use Trail - Paved	\$261,000	\$481,140	\$64,710	\$4,288,520	Mile	11 (42)
Path	Multi-Use Trail - Unpaved	\$83,870	\$121,390	\$29,520	\$412,720	Mile	3 (7)
Pavement Marking	Advance Stop/Yield Line	\$380	\$320	\$77	\$570	Each	3 (5)
Pavement Marking	Advance Stop/Yield Line	\$10	\$10	\$4.46	\$100	Square Foot	1 (4)
Pavement Marking	Island Marking	\$1.49	\$1.94	\$0.41	\$11	Square Foot	1 (4)
Pavement Marking	Painted Curb/Sidewalk	\$1.21	\$3.40	\$0.44	\$12	Square Foot	4 (5)
Pavement Marking	Painted Curb/Sidewalk	\$2.57	\$3.06	\$1.05	\$10	Linear Foot	2 (5)
Pavement Marking Symbol	Pedestrian Crossing	\$310	\$360	\$240	\$1,240	Each	4 (6)
Pavement Marking Symbol	Shared Lane/Bicycle Marking	\$160	\$180	\$22	\$600	Each	15 (39)
Pavement Marking Symbol	School Crossing	\$520	\$470	\$100	\$1,150	Each	4 (18)
Signal	Audible Pedestrian Signal	\$810	\$800	\$550	\$990	Each	4 (4)
Signal	Countdown Timer Module	\$600	\$740	\$190	\$1,930	Each	14 (18)
Signal	Pedestrian Signal	\$980	\$1,480	\$130	\$10,000	Each	22 (33)
Signal	Signal Face	\$490	\$430	\$130	\$800	Each	3 (6)
Signal	Signal Head	\$570	\$550	\$100	\$1,450	Each	12 (26)
Signal	Signal Pedestal	\$640	\$800	\$490	\$1,160	Each	3 (5)
Pedestrian/Bike Detection	Furnish and Install Pedestrian Detector	\$180	\$390	\$68	\$1,330	Each	7 (14)
Pedestrian/Bike Detection	Push Button	\$230	\$350	\$61	\$2,510	Each	22 (34)
Railing	Pedestrian Rail	\$95	\$100	\$7.20	\$690	Linear Foot	29 (83)
Raised Crossing	Raised Crosswalk	\$7,110	\$8,170	\$1,290	\$30,880	Each	14 (14)

Infrastructure	Description	Median	Average	Minimum Low	Maximum High	Cost Unit	Number of Sources (Observations)
Raised Crossing	Raised Intersection	\$59,160	\$50,540	\$12,500	\$114,150	Each	5 (5)
Roundabout/ Traffic Circle	Roundabout/ Traffic Circle	\$27,190	\$85,370	\$5,000	\$523,080	Each	11 (14)
Sidewalk	Asphalt Paved Shoulder	\$5.81	\$5.56	\$2.96	\$7.65	Square Foot	1 (4)
Sidewalk	Asphalt Sidewalk	\$16	\$35	\$6.02	\$150	Linear Foot	7 (11)
Sidewalk	Brick Sidewalk	\$60	\$60	\$12	\$160	Linear Foot	9 (9)
Sidewalk	Concrete Paved Shoulder	\$6.10	\$6.64	\$2.79	\$58	Square Foot	1 (11)
Sidewalk	Concrete Sidewalk	\$27	\$32	\$2.09	\$410	Linear Foot	46 (164)
Sidewalk	Concrete Sidewalk - Patterned	\$38	\$36	\$11	\$170	Linear Foot	4 (5)
Sidewalk	Concrete Sidewalk - Stamped	\$45	\$45	\$4.66	\$160	Linear Foot	12 (17)
Sidewalk	Concrete Sidewalk + Curb	\$170	\$150	\$23	\$230	Linear Foot	4 (7)
Sidewalk	Sidewalk	\$34	\$45	\$14	\$150	Linear Foot	17 (24)
Sidewalk	Sidewalk Pavers	\$70	\$80	\$54	\$200	Linear Foot	3 (4)
Sign	Stop/Yield Signs	\$220	\$300	\$210	\$560	Each	4 (4)
Speed Trailer	Speed Trailer	\$9,480	\$9,510	\$7,000	\$12,410	Each	6 (6)
Speed Bump/Hump /Cushion/Table	Speed Hump	\$2,130	\$2,640	\$690	\$6,860	Each	14 (14)
Speed Bump/Hump /Cushion/Table	Speed Bump	\$1,670	\$1,550	\$540	\$2,300	Each	4 (4)
Speed Bump/Hump /Cushion/Table	Speed Table	\$2,090	\$2,400	\$2,000	\$4,180	Each	5 (5)
Street Furniture	Street Trees	\$460	\$430	\$54	\$940	Each	7(7)
Street Furniture	Bench	\$1,660	\$1,550	\$220	\$5,750	Each	15 (17)
Street Furniture	Bus Shelter	\$11,490	\$11,560	\$5,230	\$41,850	Each	4 (4)
Street Furniture	Trash/Recycling Receptacle	\$1,330	\$1,420	\$310	\$3,220	Each	12 (13)

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