



Office of the City Manager

March 11, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager *RS*

Re: Completion of the Citywide Berkeley Daylighting Project (AB 413 Compliance)

The City of Berkeley has completed painting red curbs at 1,680 intersections in Berkeley, making walking, cycling, rolling and driving safer for everyone.

The completion of this work makes Berkeley one of the first cities of its size in California to comprehensively address “daylighting” -- red curb painting for up to at least 20 feet on the right side of a two-way street or both sides of a one-way street.

This state mandate (AB 413) provided no funding, and Berkeley took a collaborative approach, with the City Council, city staff and residents all making the completion of work possible.

Berkeleyans care deeply about road safety as evidenced by the passage of the 2024 safe streets initiative, Measure FF. The City Council then raised the issue of completing the daylighting work quickly, brought the issue up for public discussion and acted to proactively allocate the resources. City staff then took a rapid approach to painting these curbs, while also providing [information to the general public](#)<sup>1</sup> along with notices posted by the police department. Daylighting work was performed by the Public Works Traffic Maintenance team and the city’s on-call traffic maintenance contractor.

The Police Department’s Parking Enforcement Bureau provided operational input and enforcement crucial to implementing daylighting and maximizing its safety benefits.

With painting daylighting zones complete, city staff will transition to monitoring and maintaining the intersections. This includes monitoring traffic safety impacts, continuing to paint red curbs when needed, and developing custom-tailored daylighting solutions for unique intersections with unconventional geometry.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/news/park-20-feet-intersections-better-see-protect-pedestrians>.

Funding sources approved by the Berkeley City Council included use of Measure FF (the Sidewalk and Street Repairs Parcel Tax), the UC Berkeley Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Settlement and the Street and Open Space Improvement Plan (SOSIP).

As the City of Berkeley makes road safety improvements, drivers are asked to play a key role in protecting pedestrians by yielding to people at crosswalks, parking at least 20-feet from the approaching side of an intersection and not parking in red zones.

If you believe daylighting is incomplete at any intersection, please email a description and photographs to Public Works' Transportation Division at [transportation@berkeleyca.gov](mailto:transportation@berkeleyca.gov).

The general public is invited to join City leaders and staff who worked on the Berkeley Daylighting Project to celebrate the completion:

Berkeley Daylighting Project Curb Painting  
Addison and West streets  
Thursday, March 12, 1:30 – 3 pm

cc: David White, Deputy City Manager  
Jenny Wong, City Auditor  
Farimah Brown, City Attorney  
Mark Numainville, City Clerk  
Matthai Chakko, Communications Director/Assistant to the City Manager  
Terrance Davis, Director, Public Works  
Wahid Amiri, Deputy Director, Public Works  
Jennifer Louis, Police Chief