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Celebrating the Completion of the Pedestrian Path Improvements on Rosamond Boulevard and 20th Street West with a Ribbon-cutting

Nearly 1 mile of new pedestrian path and sidewalk improvements



What: Kern County Public Works celebrates the completion of the Pedestrian Path Improvements on Rosamond Boulevard and 20th Street West with a ribbon-cutting in Rosamond.

When: **Thursday, August 11, 2022**
10-10:45 a.m.: Ceremony

Where: **Southeast corner of 20th Street West and Locust Street in Rosamond, CA 93560**

Who: Ribbon-cutting Remarks and Attendees:

- Kern County Supervisor Zack Scrivner, District 2 – *Master of Ceremonies*
- Kern County Public Works Interim Director Samuel Lux & Staff
- William Parkman, Chairman, Rosamond Municipal Advisory Council
- Jack Miller, Board Member, Rosamond Chamber of Commerce
- Barbara Gaines, Superintendent, Southern Kern Unified School District
- Lieutenant Commander Maria Pagano, California Highway Patrol Mojave

Background: Join Kern County Public Works, elected officials, and community members as we celebrate the completion of the Pedestrian Path Improvements on Rosamond Boulevard and 20th Street West.

The improvements were part of a Safe Routes to School Project and were selected due to the proximity to Rosamond Elementary School. The project constructed nearly 1 mile of sidewalks, pedestrian paths, ADA curb ramps, and higher visibility crosswalks to ensure a safe ADA-accessible environment for Rosamond Elementary School students and all to benefit from.

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Kern County Supervisor Zack Scrivner requested the project be scoped due to pedestrian safety concerns and the community's need for infrastructure in the area. Supervisor Scrivner, Laura Lynne Wyatt, and the Rosamond Chamber of Commerce were of great assistance to the department in arranging community meetings and gathering information and community support for the grant application.

In 2016, Kern County Public Works applied for a grant through Caltrans' Active Transportation Program (ATP) and were awarded the grant. In total, the project cost approximately \$1,800,000 with Kern County Public Works funding \$365,310, an ATP grant for \$880,000, and a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from Kern County Planning and Natural Resources for \$554,690.

The construction phase began in February 2021 and was completed in Summer 2022.

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