



March 22, 2021

**Subject: December 21, 2020 Fatal Vehicle Collision (E. Stanley Blvd. at the Isabel Stanley Connector)**

On 12/21/2020, around 0807 hours, a bicyclist was traveling eastbound on E. Stanley Boulevard along the right-hand shoulder. As the bicyclist approached the intersection of E. Stanley Boulevard, at the Isabel Stanley Connector, the bicyclist entered the sidewalk area through an opening on the shoulder that is located on the south side of E. Stanley Boulevard. Once reaching the intersection, the bicyclist straddled the bicycle, pushing the crosswalk button. After waiting some time, the traffic signal changed to green and the bicyclist began to enter the crosswalk.

Simultaneously, a commercial truck with two trailers was traveling-eastbound, on E. Stanley Boulevard in the right turn lane. The truck having just received a green traffic signal continued its path of travel, making the right turn onto the Isabel Stanley Connector. Based on the investigation, it appeared that the truck driver had not seen the bicyclist and the bicyclist had not seen the truck approaching. The truck and bicyclist entered the crosswalk almost simultaneously and the collision occurred. The truck continued its travel and did not stop after the collision.

Based on the investigation, it was determined that the truck driver was unaware of the collision, therefore it was not a hit and run. It was also determined that the bicyclist was permitted to ride through the crosswalk at that location. After an extensive review of this incident, a primary cause could not be found in this collision.

Originally, investigators used Livermore Municipal code section 10.44.130 which states, "No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk except in residential areas, or where such riding is permitted" as a factor in the collision. After further review it was determined that this crosswalk connects the regional trails on either side of the street where riding is permitted, so the prohibitions referenced above are not applicable to this bicyclist. We completed a supplemental report to revise the finding of fault in the original police report.

The City of Livermore is committed to improving the safety of our public rights-of-way for all users. Following this collision the City has taken the following actions:

- A “TURNING VEHICLES YIELD TO BIKES AND PEDESTRIANS” was posted for eastbound Stanley Boulevard on the traffic signal facing the eastbound right turn lane.
- The traffic signal timing was adjusted to have a leading pedestrian interval for the eastbound direction. When the pedestrian push button is activated, the WALK sign will be displayed for several seconds ahead of the corresponding green light for the vehicles. This gives pedestrians a head start to establish their presence in the crosswalk before motorists can start turning and makes them more visible to motorists.

The City will continue to evaluate and consider other potential safety enhancements to the bike lanes, trail and crossing including a green painted bike path crossing adjacent to the crosswalk, and LED enhanced signage.