



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 24, 2026
TO: Steve Celniker, Senior Traffic Engineer, Transportation Department
Joseph Jimenez, Senior Traffic Engineer, Transportation Department
FROM: Phil Rust, Senior Traffic Engineer, Transportation Department
SUBJECT: High Crash Locations for Calendar Year 2025

The High Crash Location analysis uses injury and fatal crashes, excluding property-damage-only crashes. This helps to focus staff time and City funds toward eliminating more severe crashes, which provides a much greater societal benefit.

Crash Rate

For calendar year 2025, 5 intersections were identified with high injury crash rates (1 standard deviation or more above average).

INTERSECTIONS WITH THE HIGH CRASH RATES^1

Table with 5 columns: INTERSECTION, CRASH RATE^2, CRASHES, ENTERING TRAFFIC^3, ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY^4. It lists 5 intersections with their respective crash rates and other metrics.

^1 High crash rate intersections have a crash rate equal to or greater than one standard deviation (0.15) above the average crash rate (0.43). The crash rate was calculated for 40 intersections that show 5 or more reported injury crashes in 2025. The crash rate threshold is 0.58.

^2 The crash rate equals: (number of reported crashes x 1 million) divided by (daily entering traffic x 365 days).

^3 Entering traffic is the number of vehicles entering the intersection on an average weekday.

^4 Climate Equity: https://www.sandiego.gov/sustainability-mobility/climate-action/climate-equity

^5 Intersection was also on the Intersection Crash Frequency List.

^6 Intersection was top site for the Signalized Left Turn Crash Frequency.

Crash Pattern

For calendar year 2025, no intersections were identified as having a pattern of injury crashes (5 or more crashes in the same direction).

Crash Frequency

Pedestrian Crashes

For calendar year 2025, 1 intersection was identified to have the most pedestrian crashes.

INTERSECTION WITH THE MOST PEDESTRIAN CRASHES

INTERSECTION	CRASHES	ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY
1. 5 th Av at Broadway (Signalized)	4	Moderate

Intersection Crashes

For calendar year 2025, 4 intersections were identified with the most injury crashes. 2 are shown below and 2 are shown on the Crash Rate List denoted with ⁵.

INTERSECTIONS WITH THE MOST INJURY CRASHES

INTERSECTION	CRASHES	ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY
1. 47 th St at Imperial Av (Signalized)	9	Low, Moderate
2. Palm Av at Saturn Bl (Signalized)	9	Moderate

Segment Crashes

For calendar year 2025, 1 segment was identified to have the most injury crashes.

SEGMENT WITH THE MOST INJURY CRASHES

SEGMENT	CRASHES	ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY
1. University Av from Chollas Pkwy ⁷ to 54 th St	3	High

Please review the above locations to determine what traffic engineering measures, if any, are expected to improve safety. Any measures that are identified but not funded will be used to assist during the next budget development cycle. To ensure this is prepared in time, please respond by May 1st with a report listing the findings from the safety analysis for each location, the proposed improvements for each location, and cost estimates for each improvement. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Balan at (619) 533-3168.

Sincerely,

Phil Rust

⁷Also known as University Av Ramp.

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