

# RIO GRANDE AVENUE

Pedestrian Safety Study  
From Holden Avenue to Jones High School

**Newsletter**  
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## Project Description

Orange County is taking a proactive approach to address pedestrian and bicycle safety on its roadways countywide. The Rio Grande Avenue Pedestrian Safety Study was conducted to:

- Develop alternatives and strategies to address the mobility needs of the surrounding community, and
- Provide safer integration of pedestrians and bicyclists with other modes of transportation.



Improvements along Rio Grande Avenue will better serve the area's many pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders as they travel to and from the area's homes, shops, schools, and senior living communities.

Visit the project website at: [www.ocfl.net/TrafficTransportation/TransportationProjects/RioGrandeStudy.aspx](http://www.ocfl.net/TrafficTransportation/TransportationProjects/RioGrandeStudy.aspx)



## Short-Term Improvements (Phase 1)

- Provide two travel lanes (one in each direction) throughout the study corridor
- Between I-4 and Gore Street, repurpose outside travel lane to provide a buffered bicycle lane
- Add painted medians within the continuous two-way left turn lane
- Add painted bulbouts and tightened intersection corners
- Improve pedestrian crossings



## Mid-Term Improvements

- From I-4 to Gore Street, separate bicycle lane and travel lane using a temporary physical barrier
- Improve crosswalk visibility on minor side streets/driveways
- Improve pedestrian safety at signals
- Improve Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance at all intersections

## Long-Term Improvements

- Replace painted medians with raised, landscaped medians
- Separate bicycle lane and travel lane using a permanent physical barrier
- South of I-4, provide a 12-foot-wide sidewalk/path
- Improve Michigan Street/Montview Street intersection

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## VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, December 6, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
To register for the GoToWebinar, visit:  
<https://bit.ly/rio-grande-ped-safety-mtg-reg>  
or call 914-614-3221 (if prompted, enter access code 167-782-581)

On behalf of Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings and District 6 Commissioner Victoria P. Siplin, Orange County is pleased to provide information about the Rio Grande Avenue Pedestrian Safety Study.



Orange County Mayor:  
**Jerry L. Demings**



District 6 Commissioner:  
**Victoria P. Siplin**

Due to COVID-19, this meeting is being held virtually. The virtual public meeting is free to attend and can be accessed by computer and phone. The project team will present the findings and recommendations for Rio Grande Avenue. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments and input to Orange County and project team members.



For more information or if you have questions or comments about the Rio Grande Avenue Pedestrian Safety Study, please contact:

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