



5th/6th Safety Striping Project

The 5th/6th Safety Striping Project aims to improve safety and reduce vehicle crashes by providing more room in driving lanes and parking lanes; reducing speeds; adding turning lanes and buffered bike lanes; and eliminating the “double threat” situation when pedestrians must cross two lanes of traffic.

The project covers South Fifth Street West and South Sixth Street West between Higgins Avenue and Russell Street. The City of Missoula works to promote safety for all modes of travel for all residents – driving, cycling and walking.

BY THE NUMBERS:

Between 2007 and 2014 there were **277** vehicle crashes, one every 10 days.

These streets are operating at less than **40%** capacity.

Traffic volumes are **47%** lower west of Higgins on 5th Street.

Volumes haven't changed significantly in **40** years.

Speeds are **40%** higher than the posted speed limit of 25 mph.

The average risk of severe injury for a pedestrian struck by a vehicle at 39 mph is **75%**, this drops to **25%** at 23 mph.

The average risk of death for a pedestrian struck by a vehicle at 42 mph is **50%**, this drops to **10%** at 23 mph.