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Pedestrian Scramble Crossing at 4th and D Streets to be Removed on April 10, 2008

The pedestrian scramble crossing at the intersection of 4th and D Streets in the Downtown will be removed on Thursday, April 10. The pedestrian scramble crossing was installed in August of 2007 as a pilot test to improve walkability in the Downtown by allowing pedestrians to have the option of crossing diagonally. Although implementation of this unique and innovative form of crossing was well received by the community, test results of the intersection's efficiency and safety for pedestrians have resulted in heavier vehicular congestion and right-of-way violations, causing the City to remove the diagonal crossing.

Residents can count on City traffic engineers to continue seeking new and innovative solutions to improve pedestrian safety and reduce traffic congestion in the Downtown and throughout the City. Much was learned from the pilot test and City engineers may find in the future this type of technology better suited for other intersections in Santa Rosa.

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