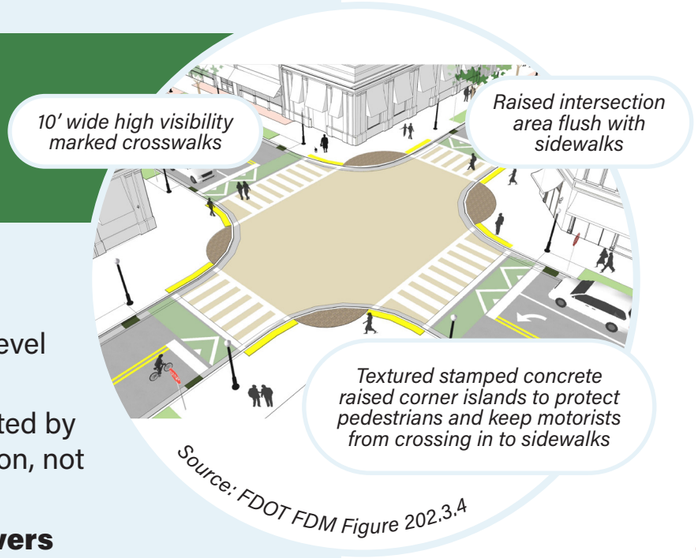
Proven Safety Solutions

RAISED CROSSWALKS & INTERSECTIONS

What are raised crosswalks and intersections?

- Raised crosswalks are built **higher than the roadway** surface, usually at the same level as the sidewalks.
- Raised Intersections are created by elevating the entire intersection, not just the crosswalk.
- Like a wide speed bump, **drivers must slow down** to go over them.



Source: FDOT FDM Figure 202.3.4

How can raised crosswalks and intersections improve **safety**?

They slow drivers in areas of high pedestrian activity.

They bring crossing pedestrians and wheelchair users closer to driver eye level, making them easier to see.

They give everyone, especially people with mobility or vision challenges, a safer and more accessible way to cross.

Did you know?

Raised crosswalks can cut pedestrian crashes by **45%**

(Source: FHWA)

Where are raised crosswalks and intersections most **appropriate**?

- Areas with high walking traffic.
- Roadways with low speeds and light to moderate traffic (ex. State roads with 25 mph design speeds).
- Places where many people use wheelchairs or strollers, or need easier crossings.
- Areas without truck routes, emergency routes or bus corridors.

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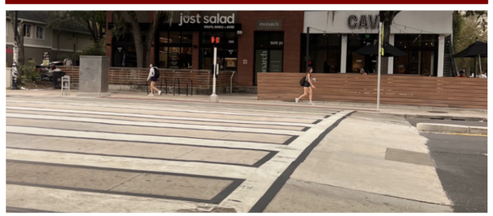
Where has this been done in Florida?

University Ave , Gainesville



- Before installation of a raised crosswalk, this street had over 100 crashes and two fatalities in 2024 alone.
- Early results show **slower traffic**, reduced crashes and **no new fatalities**.

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Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando

- Before installation of 3 new raised mid-block crossings, 55% of fatal and serious injury crashes involved a pedestrian.
- Early results show **zero reported fatalities or serious injuries**.

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Learn more about raised crosswalks and intersections at: https://tinyurl.com/raisedcrosswalksafety