Improve Lighting

As mentioned, three-quarters of our traffic deaths occur at night. Obviously, impaired driving—whether from alcohol, drugs, or fatigue — plays a larger factor at night, but so does visibility. A driver might avoid a collision with a pedestrian crossing mid-block at noon, but not at midnight, and improving lighting has reduced auto collisions by 35% in several studies. Our efforts to dramatically improve street lighting throughout San José by replacing our yellow sodium halogen street lights with white LED's will achieve completion this year, after more than 50,000 such streetlight conversions so far, with another 14,000 to go. We're also deploying flashing beacons and other lights in corridors where many pedestrians and drivers mix.