NEW CITYWIDE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GUIDELINES

Vision Clearance Guidelines at Intersections

Background
Daylighting is improving visibility at intersections, particularly for pedestrian visibility by removing on-street parking. Daylighting is considered best practice in cities across the country. In the past, Monterey has not required daylighting intersections. That’s about to change. Implementation of State Assembly Bill (AB) 413 started January 1, 2024 and the law comes into full effect January 1, 2025.

Why the change?
In a word: safety. Cars parked close to the corners of intersections can block the field of vision for drivers, obscuring the corners where pedestrians are waiting to cross the street and making it the more difficult for anyone, including drivers, trying to pass through the intersection. Monterey is reviewing all projects in Design and Construction phases to ensure that they are consistent with the new State Standard. Monterey will then address existing marked parking spaces to ensure that they are consistent with the new State Standard.

Will every intersection change?
Yes and no. Every intersection is impacted by the new State law, however many intersections currently have signage or markings which address parking and are consistent with the current standard.