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Issue The crosswalks in front of my high school are not safe for students to cross and some accidents did occur due to this problem. I was a victim of a car vs. pedestrian accident while I was attempting to cross the street in the crosswalk. The crosswalk is not easily visible, and drivers are not seeing pedestrians, causing major problems.

Project Description I first made a phone call to a traffic operations representative who scheduled a meeting for representatives from many city departments and the school district to come and hear my plan for the improvement of safety at Rocky Mountain High School. The meeting happened in front of my school where we observed traffic and discussed the changes I wanted to put into place. After the meeting, the city engineering department was contacted and a construction plan was designed. Throughout this process I shared how my accident changed me and what challenges I had to overcome. This greatly impacted my message as I could show how important it was to make the street safer and to insure that this did not happen to someone else.

Project Outcome I was able to work with city engineers to create a raised crosswalk and crosswalk median to increase crosswalk visibility and safety for pedestrians. The existing crosswalks will be removed and the street will be repaved to define the new ones. A median in the staff parking lot will also be added to deter U-turns and increase safety for pedestrians crossing the parking lot.

Request I would like support in improving driver awareness and caution for pedestrians crossing the street. I would also like to see all schools have better safety for pedestrians so that all children can safely get to school and be give the chance to have an education they deserve.

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