What is a Pilot Safety Project?
When we apply a new safety tool or strategy for the first time or in a new type of location, it is called a “pilot safety project.” Pilot projects typically use temporary materials so they can be installed, adjusted, and removed easily.

Why do we pilot?
We place pilot projects where there is a safety issue identified by observations and data collection.

Pilots allow us to (1) respond quickly to safety needs and (2) test materials or strategies in new environments to see how they work and if we want to continue to use them.

How long is a pilot?
Different pilots have different timelines. A pilot can last from 1-month to over 1-year.

If the pilot is working and receives positive feedback, the pilot may remain in place longer. If the pilot does not have the intended safety impacts or creates new issues, it might be removed sooner.

How is the community involved?
Because pilots are a response to safety issues and a temporary treatment, the pre-project engagement is limited to those directly impacted.

During the pilot, we welcome feedback from the community and may host formal engagement to gather feedback.

What next?
Staff collect data and review feedback to determine if the pilot project is working.

If the pilot worked, we may keep it in place or install permanent materials. If the pilot did not work or had negative impacts, we will remove the pilot or try something different.

Observe, Adjust, Repeat
Because pilots involve new tools or settings, we closely observe how the pilot is working and adjust or remove if there are immediate safety concerns.