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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

A road safety audit is a formal safety performance examination of an existing or future road or intersection by an independent, qualified audit team. It qualitatively estimates and reports on potential road safety issues and identifies opportunities for improvements in safety for all road users. It can be performed during any or all stages of a project.

This document represents the final report for the Street Road, Bucks County Road Safety Audit. The goal of this project is to improve and promote transportation safety on the region's roadways while maintaining mobility; the main objective is to address the safe operation of the roadway and ensure a high level of safety for all road users. The road safety audit program is conducted to generate improvement recommendations and countermeasures for roadway segments demonstrating a history of, or potential for, a high incidence of motor vehicle crashes. The emphasis is placed on identifying low cost, quick turnaround safety projects to address the issues where possible, but it will not exclude the more complex projects.

From the outset of this program in Fiscal Year 2007, there has been coordination between Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) in identifying candidate projects for this program. In the past the program has concentrated on corridors in

PennDOT's District 6 Safety Plan, identified under Section 148 Planned Safety Projects and eligible for Highway Safety Improvement Program funding. For these road safety audits, the emphasis has been switched to address corridors identified in Pennsylvania's Top 5 Percent Report. This offered an opportunity to analyze corridors that were already on the plan and eligible for dedicated funding.

## Pennsylvania Top 5 Percent

In accordance with Section 148 (c) (1) (D) of Title 23 of the United States Code, entitled Highway Safety Improvement Program Reporting 5 Percent Report, states are required to prepare an annual report that describes not less than five percent of their public road locations exhibiting the most severe safety needs as a condition for obligating HSIP funds. The intent of this provision is to raise public awareness of the highway safety needs and challenges in the states.

In developing the report, Pennsylvania concentrated on state-owned roads only. For 2007 the state identified 335 locations, 17 of which made up the top five percent. Of those 17 locations, 10 were located in DVRPC's Pennsylvania region. Seven were located in Philadelphia, two in Bucks County, and one in Delaware County.

With the objective of reducing fatalities, PennDOT utilized the following methodology in preparing the list. This methodology is presented in Table 1.

## Table 1: PA 5 Percent Methodology

1. Our approach to identifying the number of locations to include in the $5 \%$ list was to identify at least the top $5 \%$ of the locations on a State's hazardous locations list (which is based primarily on fatalities and serious injuries).
2. Having an objective of reducing fatalities, locations were only considered which have a history of major injury or fatal crashes in order to minimize the effect of a large number of low severity crashes on location selection.
3. In order to identify not only priority road segments but also intersections which have a high number of severe crashes, two sub lists were generated: an intersection and non-intersection priority list.
4. In the production of the standard cluster list, it is desirable to look at segments of roadway which are long enough to allow reasonable project lengths. As such, clusters were generated with minimum lengths of 5000 feet.
5. For intersections, consideration should be given to approaches to intersection points. As such, the radius of consideration was set to 500 feet.
6. For intersection and non-intersection locations, 5 years of crash data were evaluated (2001-2005). Locations having an average of more than one fatal or major-injury crash per year in the 5,000 foot minimum, or 500 foot radius, were considered for the evaluation of rank. Locations not meeting these parameters were not considered hazardous locations for this exercise. This resulted in 335 locations of varying lengths.
7. The cluster parameter was set to 5 fatal or major-injury crashes in 5 years within 5,000 feet. CDART has dynamic clustering capabilities. CDART moves along a roadway until it encounters the first fatal or major-injury crash. Then it looks ahead 5000 feet to determine if at least 5 select crashes occurred in that length. If so, it moves to the second crash and measures another 5000 feet to inspect. Thus, the cluster may be a short distance if 5 crashes are grouped together or it may be very long if the concentration of select crashes persists through a corridor.
8. The two "cluster" lists were qenerated statewide.
9. For the ranking of non-intersection clusters, we assume that project cost is no consideration.
10. The first ranking round sorted the list in descending order according to the number of major injury or fatal crashes in 5 years at each location.
11. Once the standard cluster location was ranked, the intersection cluster was evaluated to determine if any intersection clusters were not included in the segment ranges of the standard cluster list. Intersections which were not on the standard cluster list were added to the list according to the number of fatal or major injuries occurring at the intersection.
12. This list was ranked.
13. The second ranking round sorted the list in descending order according to the fatal and major-injury crash rate (which normalizes for traffic volume). This list was ranked.
14. The third ranking round sorted the list in descending order according to the number of fatalities. This list was ranked.
15. Next, all three ranking numbers were summed for each location for a total ranking. Then the list was sorted according to the total ranking number.
16. So by the above-stated criteria, for 2007, the PA state hazardous locations list has 335 locations. The top $5 \%$ are the top 17 locations.
17. These 17 locations are described in Table format on the FHW/A safety webpage.
18. Nine locations have an existing project in process. Some projects are on the TIP with HSIP funding or other funding sources. A road safety audit was funded by an MPO. A low-cost safety improvement project was completed with $100 \%$ state safety money.
19. Eight locations are not currently planned for projects. The Department will begin investigating these locations to determine what hard-side or soft-side countermeasures may be applicable and determine any impediments to implementation.

Source: http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/fivepercent/07pa.htm

### 1.1 The Audit

Road safety audits can be used on any size project, from minor maintenance to megaprojects. There are eight major steps involved in conducting a road safety audit, but these can be simplified into a three-step process: identify the corridor or intersection and audit team; conduct the RSA and report on the findings; and followup on RSA findings where feasible. Road safety audits offer the following major benefits: it is a proactive tool, not solely dependent on crash data; it is a planning tool that can identify safety issues to be considered in improvement projects; it can determine if the needs of all road users are adequately met; it is adaptable to local needs and conditions; and its recommendations can be implemented in small stages as time and resources permit.

Prior to the road safety audit activities on site, DVRPC collected, reviewed, and analyzed relevant data (video of the roadway under different conditions, traffic volume data, turning movement counts, maps, aerial photographs, and crash data). Using the crash data, collision diagrams were produced that showed the crashes and types for locations where they occurred.

The Road Safety Audit was conducted on May 7, 2008. The day began with a Preaudit meeting that involved the definition of a road safety audit and how it differs from the corridor study process, the required steps of an audit, and a presentation of the site issues and an exchange of ideas and knowledge of the roadway. A video showing the site under nighttime conditions was also shown. The
field view followed, where the audit team, made up of state and local officials and other stakeholders, walked the site and identified transportation safety issues. See Appendix B for the list of audit team members. The postaudit meeting followed and was spent discussing the findings from the field view, identifying strategies to address issues, and determining priorities.

### 1.2 Overview of the Study Area

The study area consists of a 1.2-mile section of Street Road (SR 00132) in Bensalem Township, Bucks County. The study area begins at the intersection of Hulmeville Road (PA 513) and ends at the intersection of Mechanicsville Road (SR 2021). See Appendix C for the study area map. Along this stretch of roadway are 11 intersections, three of which are signalized. The three signalized intersections are Hulmeville Road, Knights Road, and Mechanicsville Road. The remaining eight unsignalized intersections are all T-intersections with Street Road. Street Road is functionally classified as a Principal Arterial, and it runs in an east-west direction. Along the study area, Street Road is two to three lanes in each direction with a center turn lane, with shoulders of varying widths on each side. The speed limit on Street Road in the study area is 45 mph . Sidewalks along the study area are discontinuous, forcing pedestrians to use the shoulders in their travel.

Street Road runs eastward from State Road (SR 2007) in Bensalem Township and westward to Easton Road (SR 00611) in Warminster Township, for a distance of approximately 15 miles. Street Road connects with
several major roads, including Interstate 95 and US 1. Street Road traverses Bensalem Township, Lower Southampton Township, Upper Southampton Township, and Warminster Township.

The land use along Street Road in the study area is mainly commercial, with mixed residential uses and community use. The majority of property along the study area consists of shopping center development, restaurants, office space, and parking. The commercial shopping centers include the Showcase Plaza, Bensalem Center, and Bensalem Plaza. In addition, there are a number of residential buildings that face the roadway. Several of the residential buildings have been converted into office space, while many have remained residential. Adjacent to the study corridor, land use is predominantly residential. Although the adjacent residential developments are mainly single homes, there are numerous multifamily residences as well. Of note is the Philadelphia Park Casino and Race Track, which is located just north of the study area and is a high traffic generator along Street Road.

The SEPTA Route 20 and 130 buses serve the study area. The route 20 bus travels from Franklin Mills to the Frankford Transportation Center via Academy Road, with evening service to Philadelphia Park Casino. The route 20 bus travels through the study area from Mechanicsville Road to Knights Road. The route 130 bus travels from Franklin Mills Mall to Bucks County Community College via Neshaminy Mall and Newtown. The route 130 bus travels through the study area from

Mechanicsville Road to Knights Road. The number of average daily boardings for this service in 2007 was 539.

Average annual daily traffic (AADT) counts were recorded north of the Asbury Avenue intersection for 2007. AADTs of 18,344 vehicles and 18,223 vehicles were recorded for the eastbound and westbound directions, respectively. Compared to the 2004 volumes, which are shown on the traffic volume map in Appendix C, there was a slight decrease in 2007 volumes in the eastbound direction, while there was an increase in 2007 volumes in the westbound direction. Manual turning movement counts were taken at the three signalized intersections of the study corridor. For all three intersections, the dominant movements were the through movements on Street Road. Of note are the heavy leftturn movements at the intersections and, in some cases, heavy right-turn movements. Several right-turn movements are accommodated by dedicated channelized right-turn lanes. Turning movement diagrams are available in Appendix $\boldsymbol{D}$.

### 1.3 Crash Data

According to PennDOT crash records, there were 144 reportable crashes occurring in the study area between 2005 and 2007. Of these crashes, there were three fatal crashes, 101 crashes with varying levels of severity, and 40 crashes in which there was property damage only. One hundred and seventy persons either lost their lives or were injured in these crashes.

Angle (83) and rear-end (33) crashes were the most predominant crash type, making up approximately 80
percent of the crashes occurring during the study period. Seven percent of the crashes were hit-fixed-object crashes and five crashes involved pedestrians. The majority of the crashes occurred when the road surface was dry ( $87 \%$ ) and during clear weather (89\%). However, only 59 percent of the crashes occurred during daylight.

Looking at crash occurrence by month of the year, there were no clear trend; but December had the highest
number of crashes at 17 and April and June had 16 crashes each. January had the lowest number of crashes at 5 . Day of the week presented a different picture. Friday and Saturday had the highest number of crashes, 32 and 27, respectively, making up 40 percent of the crash total. Evening peak period was the time of day when most of the crashes occurred. Thirty-one percent of the crashes occurred between 4:00PM and 7:00PM. The full crash data is shown in Appendix $\boldsymbol{D}$.

### 2.0 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The following represents the findings and recommendations of the Street Road, Road Safety Audit. Shaded areas represent strategies requiring a low level of effort for implementation with high potential safety benefits.

CORRIDOR-WIDE SAFETY ISSUES

| Safety Issues | Potential Strategies | Level of Effort | $\frac{\text { Potential Safety }}{\text { Benefit }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sidewalks: <br> - Sidewalks are not continuous on both sides of Street Road. There are areas where pedestrians were observed using the shoulders for travel. | - Install continuous sidewalk along the corridor. | High | High |
| Access: <br> - Property access along Street Road is inconsistent. | Develop an access management strategy that establishes consistency along the corridor: <br> - Properly sign turning movement (i.e., right turn only, which is enforceable); <br> - Combine driveways and allow connector roads between businesses. | Medium | High |
| Pavement markings: <br> - Existing pavement markings are worn and faded. | - Restripe and upgrade pavement markings along the corridor. | Low | High |
| - There are no breaks in the center turn lane for the intersections. <br> - On the smaller side streets in the corridor, delineation is lacking. | - Install breaks in the striping of the center turn lane for the intersections. <br> - Stripe side streets to guide motorists in their travel lane. | Low <br> Low | Medium <br> Medium |


| Safety Issues | Potential Strategies | Level of Effort | Potential Safety Benefit |
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| Pavement markings (continued): | - Revise pavement marking patterns to address other corridorwide issues with left turns and access management. | Medium | Medium |
| Signage: <br> - Along the corridor many warning and regulatory signs are worn and faded. | - Conduct a sign inventory along the corridor and replace and upgrade signs with breakaway sign posts as appropriate. | Low | High |
| Pedestrian issues: <br> - Long distances between signals with established pedestrian crossings. <br> - Pedestrians are jaywalking. | - Identify appropriate locations (midblock and intersections of public roads) for crosswalks between the existing signalized intersections at pedestrian desire lines and mark and sign appropriately. <br> PennDOT by policy will not approve a midblock crossing on any road with a posted speed greater than 35 mph. <br> Provide appropriate pedestrian amenities at signalized intersections: <br> - Pedestrian man/hand signal heads with countdown; <br> - Continental style crosswalks; <br> - Pedestrian push buttons; <br> - Yield pavement markings at channelized right lane crosswalks. | Medium <br> Low <br> Medium Low | High <br> High <br> High <br> Medium High |


| Safety Issues | Potential Strategies | Level of Effort | Potential Safety Benefit |
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| Aggressive driving: <br> - The crash data shows evidence of aggressive driving along the corridor. | - Determine if Street Road qualifies as a "Designated Safety Corridor" (enhanced enforcement and fines doubled) and petition accordingly from US 1 to I-95. | Low | High |
|  | - Improve driving habits through media (education) and enforcement activities. | Medium | High |
|  | - Consider signal timing coordination along the corridor. | Low | High |
|  | - Reexamine the signal timing plans-change clearance intervals, extending effective green times. Consider increasing "all red" time as appropriate. | Medium | Vary |
|  | According to the Bensalem |  |  |
|  | Township engineer, the signals are currently on a closed loop system, |  |  |
|  | which is time based, and the |  |  |
|  | township is considering converting to a traffic responsive system in the |  |  |
|  | future. |  |  |
| Left-turn Access: |  |  |  |
| - Uncontrolled left-turn access to businesses along the corridor. | Determine the viability of restricting left turns and implement as appropriate. | Low | High |
|  | - Identify locations for restriction; | Low | High |


| Safety Issues | Potential Strategies | Level of Effort | Potential Safety Benefit |
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| Left-turn Access (continued): | - Restriction of left turns during peak hours only; <br> - Establish a test period using flexible delineator poles to restrict left-turn movement; | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Low } \\ & \text { Low } \end{aligned}$ | High <br> High |
|  | - Based on the test, create a curbed median (landscaped) with designated median opening for leftturn movements. | High | High |
| Traffic Volumes: <br> - Traffic volumes along the corridor are high and have the potential to increase with future development at Philadelphia Park. | - Consider travel demand management (TDM) strategies to reduce single-occupant vehicle (SOV) trips. <br> - Consider roadway design modifications and maintenance. | High <br> High | Medium <br> Medium |
| Delineators: <br> - The delineators on the channelizing islands are knocked down. | - Replace and upgrade the delineators, which are constantly knocked down, with enhanced, highly durable, and flexible channelizing posts. | Low | High |
| Street Lighting: <br> - There is a lack of adequate street lighting along the corridor. Street lights are located only on the north side of Street Road. | - Install additional street lights as appropriate. <br> - At a minimum, street lights should be installed at all intersections to enhance the visibility for all users. | High <br> High | High <br> High |


| Safety Issues | Potential Strategies | Level of Effort | Potential Safety Benefit |
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| Street Lighting (continued): | - Install street lights at all proposed midblock crossings. | High | High |
| Mass Transit: <br> - There is a lack of pedestrian amenities at the bus stops. <br> - Bus stop locations are not clearly signed (signs posted on utility poles). | - Provide seating, lights, and bus information at the existing shelters. <br> - Provide shelters with appropriate amenities. <br> - Clearly mark bus stops in the corridor to alert passengers, as well as motorists. | Medium <br> Medium <br> Low | Medium <br> Medium <br> High |
| Road User Diversity: <br> - Pedestrians and motorists in the corridor are of varying nationalities and English is not their first language. | - Coordination with community leaders, township, and PennDOT to address this problem. | Medium | High |

SITE SPECIFIC ISSUES

| Safety Issues | Potential Strategies | Level of Effort | Potential Safety Benefit |
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| At Mechanicsville Road |  |  |  |
| - Traffic will increase due the to casino expansion. Casino-bound vehicles traveling eastbound on Street Road are missing the entrance and make illegal u-turns at the Mechanicsville Road intersection. | - Upgrade the directional signage for the casino. | Low | High |
| - "Yield" signs at the channelized island are located too far ahead in the turn (beyond the crosswalk). | - Relocate the "yield" sign as appropriate and add the "saw-tooth" yield pavement marking prior to the crosswalk. | Low | High |
| - SEPTA bus shelter located west of Mechanicsville Road. | - Consider relocating the bus shelter to the east of Mechanicsville Road to serve shopping center (based on demand). | Low | Medium |
| Between Mechanicsville and Knights Road |  |  |  |
| - From Knights Road to Mechanicsville Road there were no center turn lane markings. | - Add center turn lane pavement markings to this area as appropriate. | Low | High |
| - There is a lack of pedestrian amenities for the traffic signal at the shopping center driveway. | - Upgrade the pedestrian signal heads to man/hands with countdown timers, push buttons, and signage. | Medium | High |
| - To the west of the signalized drive is located an unsignalized driveway with left-turn access from Street Road. | - Restrict this driveway to right in/out only (with appropriate signs and pavement markings) with left turns provided at the traffic signal with shared access. | Low | High |


| Safety Issues | Potential Strategies | Level of Effort | Potential Safety Benefit |
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| Between Mechanicsville and Knights Road (continued) |  |  |  |
| - From Castle Drive to Knights Road on the eastbound side of Street Road, there are no curbs or sidewalks. There is evidence of run-off-the-road and hit-fixed-object crashes. <br> - The shoulder is wide and cars speed in this area to turn right onto Knights Road. | - Make this area consistent with the rest of the roadway. Add a sidewalk and a curb. <br> - Stripe the shoulder area and add "keep off shoulder" signs. | Low <br> Low | High <br> High |
| At Knights Road |  |  |  |
| - Vegetation on the southwest corner of the intersection blocks pedestrian visibility. | - Trim vegetation. | Low | High |
| - "Yield" signs at the channelized island are located too far ahead in the turn (beyond the crosswalk). | - Relocate the "yield" sign as appropriate and add the "saw-tooth" yield pavement marking prior to the crosswalk. | Low | High |
| - There are high vehicle volumes. <br> - Vehicles speed into the eastbound channelized lane. | - Extend eastbound right-turn lane as appropriate (without affecting driveways). <br> - Add a pedestrian sign to warn motorists of pedestrian activity. <br> Consider possible redesign of the intersection to improve capacity | Low | High |


| Safety Issues | Potential Strategies | Level of Effort | Potential Safety Benefit |
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| At Knights Road (continued) |  |  |  |
| - Crossing Street Road and Knight Road on the south side of Knight, it is difficult to see the pedestrian signal head. | - Orient the signal for pedestrian visibility. | Low | High |
| - The bus stop on the northwest corner of the intersection is too close to the intersection. The bus stop in the travel lane affects right turns from southbound Knight Road and westbound through movement. | - Relocate the bus stop to the west in the deceleration lane for the pharmacy and keep stopped buses out of the travel way. | Low | High |
| - Crosswalks lead into the gas station where pedestrians are forced to mix with vehicles. | - Provide a sidewalk for the safe travel of pedestrians at this location. | Medium | High |
| Between Knights Road and Bensalem Plaza |  |  |  |
| - At the Kohl's driveway, eastbound left turns are restricted; however, the center lane pattern advises motorists of possible left turns. This is a confusing message to motorists. | - The center turn lane should be signed (striped) to reflect where turning restrictions are located; post signs denoting the turning restrictions (short term) and redesign the driveway (long term) | Medium | Medium |
| - Vehicles are speeding into the driveway, which is unsafe for pedestrians. | - Redesign the driveway to force motorist to slow down for safe access. <br> - Add appropriate pedestrian crossing signs. | Medium <br> Low | High <br> Low |


| Safety Issues | Potential Strategies | Level of Effort | Potential Safety Benefit |
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| At Bensalem Plaza |  |  |  |
| - There are inadequate pedestrian amenities for the traffic signal. | - Upgrade the traffic signal with pedestrian man/hand sign heads with countdown timers. | Medium | High |
| - The crosswalk across Street Road on the Plaza side of the road has no curb ramp. | - Redesign and make the curb ramp available for the physically disabled. | Medium | High |
| - "Stop here on red" sign is knocked down. | - Replace the sign. | Low | High |
| Between Bensalem Plaza and Hulmeville Road |  |  |  |
| - Between Asbury Avenue and Bensalem Plaza, the algebraic difference between the grade of the paved shoulder and the grade of the super elevation (travel lanes) seems extreme. | - Evaluate the existing condition and upgrade to the appropriate design standards. | Medium | Medium |
| - The guide rail adjacent to the church has no end treatment | - Upgrade and install guide rail end treatment according to current standards. | Low | High |
| - There are no warning signs for the transition from three to two lanes westbound. | - Add appropriate lane drop warning signs. | Low | High |
| At Hulmeville Road |  |  |  |
| - The "yield" sign is missing at the channelized island. | - Add the "yield" sign as appropriate and add the "saw-tooth" yield pavement marking prior to the crosswalk. | Low | High |


| Safety Issues | Potential Strategies | Level of Effort | Potential Safety <br> Benefit |
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| At Hulmeville Road (continued) | Low | High |  |
| - There are no pedestrian crosswalks <br> on the east side of the intersection. | • Add pedestrian crosswalks as <br> appropriate. | High |  |
| -There is inadequate street lighting <br> at the intersection. | • Add street lights to the intersection. | Medium | High |
| - Eastbound there are no signal <br> heads for the right lane. It is difficult <br> to see if there are trucks present. | • Add a three-section signal head <br> over the right lane. | Medium | High |
| Due to the geometry of this <br> intersection and the crosswalks, the <br> stop lines are set back accordingly; <br> however, this seems to cause <br> conflicts for PA 513 left turns with <br> the permissive movements. | • Reexamine the signal timing plans-- <br> consider protected left turns only. | Low |  |

## The following is the order of priority for implementation as agreed by the audit team:

1. Improve pedestrian amenities:
a. Knight Road intersection
b. Upgrade crosswalks to "continental" style
2. Conduct a sign inventory and upgrade pavement markings and signs (low cost, quick turnaround)
3. Develop an access management strategy
a. Restricting left turns on a temporary basis
4. Upgrade traffic signals in the corridor
5. Adjust signal timings/phase

A scope of work and cost estimate has been prepared for identified priority strategies for implementation and is shown in Appendix A

### 3.0 CONCLUSION

As discussed earlier, the road safety audit program is conducted to generate improvement recommendations and countermeasures for roadway segments or intersections demonstrating a history of or potential for a high incidence of motor vehicle crashes. The safety issues identified during the audit and documented in this report, along with the recommended strategies, should improve the overall safety of the study corridor. Some of the strategies identified can be implemented through routine maintenance. The full impact of the improvement strategies will be realized when they are combined, but time and budget constraints may dictate when remedial strategies are implemented. Although this road safety audit was not primarily conducted to examine the operational characteristics of the corridor, there are several operational issues that are affecting safety in the
corridor. The audit team thought it is important to recommend strategies to address these issues.

Engineering strategies alone will not eliminate the traffic safety issues identified in the study corridor. Therefore, enforcement and education are necessary components to address the human behavioral aspects to effectively reduce the number of crashes occurring. For example, jaywalking along the corridor is an unsafe practice by pedestrians, and there needs to be a combination of engineering and enforcement strategies to effectively prevent this behavior. Engaging the appropriate stakeholders is important, as coordination and collaboration is the key to making the corridor safer for all users.

## APPENDIX A Scope of Work \& <br> Cost Estimates

Section 148 (HSIP) Planned Safety Projects


## Project Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to reduce the number of crashes and related injuries and severity of the crashes which occur along the approximate one mile section of Street Road, between Mechanicsville Road and Hulmeville Road, in Bensalem Township. The anticipated benefits of this project are:

- Minimization of the number of vehicular crashes, specifically angle and rear-end type crashes.


## Project Scope:

The scope of work for this project was developed from the Road Safety Audit which was conducted in May 2008 and undertaken by DVRPC in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. A more detailed description of the scope of work is included in the attached cost estimate, and is summarized below:

- Install pedestrian signals and other pedestrian amenities (crosswalks, signing, etc) throughout the corridor.
- Install continuous sidewalk within the corridor.
- Develop an access management plan.
- Restripe and upgrade pavement markings within the corridor.
- Improve drainage problems along the corridor.
- Install a curbed median with designated openings for left-turns.
 - Install additional street lights within the corridor.
Benefit-to-Cost Ratio Calculation
The estimated benefit, in terms of crash reductions, for this project is $\$ 2.35$ million per year. See
attached sheet Titled "Street Road HSIP Benefit Calculations".
The estimated cost for the above scope of work is $\$ 2.25$ million. See the attached "Cost Estimate
Sheet" (three pages). Assuming a 20 -year life cycle for this safety project, the annual cost of the
project is $\$ 112,500$.
The project will have an annual benefit-to-cost ratio of $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 3 5 0 , 0 0 0} \mathbf{\$ 1 1 2 , 5 0 0}$ or
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District 6-0 Safety Plan
Section 148 (HSIP) Plan
Section 148 (HSIP) Planned Safety Projects

\left.|  | STREET ROAD HSIP BENEFIT CALCULATIONS |  |
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| Crashes: 2003 through 2007 |  |  |$\right]$

According to the CDART data, the crash rate for the study corridor ranged from 1.15 to 3.84

the crash rates for six sections, results in $(1.15+1.45+1.60+1.79+3.74+3.84)=13.57 \div 6=2.26$.
 corridors with similar characteristics during the 2003 through 2007 period. If it is assumed that the planned safety improvements will produce a crash rate (results in a reduction) that is
 improvement period will be $1 \div 2.26$ or 44 percent of the current rate. This translates into a postimprovement annual cost of $\$ 1.83$ million. The expected benefit will be $\$ 4.18$ million $-\$ 1.83$ million or $\$ 2.35$ million per year.

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## APPENDIX B

Audit Team

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION STREET ROAD, ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

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## APPENDIX C Maps




## APPENDIX D

Traffic Data



CDART - CRASH SUMMARY REPORT (09-06)

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User ID: Ikubli
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Criteria: STATE ROAD

## STREET ROAD AND MECHANICSVILLE ROAD

## EXISTING PEAK HOUR TURNING MOVEMENT COUNTS



AM Peak Hour - 7:15-8:15
(PM Peak) Hour - 4:30-5:30



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REPORT PARAMETERS:
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Area of Interest: (In County 09 On State Route 0132(P) Between Segment 0282 Offset 1070 and Segment 0282 Offset 1170) or (In County 09 On State Route 0132(S) Between Segment 0283 Offset 1065 and Segment 0283 Offset 1165)
Date Range: $\quad 1 / 1 / 2005$ to $12 / 31 / 2007$
Criteria: STATE ROAD
3. SR 132 Street Road at the Intersection of Mechanicsville Road

Segment 282, Offset 1070 to Segment 282, Offset 1170


| Total Crashes 2005-2007 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| COLLISION TYPE |  |
| Angle | 12 |
| Hit Fixed Object | 5 |
| Rear-end | 3 |
| Head On | 2 |
| Opp Dir Sideswipe | 2 |
| Pedestrian | 2 |
| Total | 26 |
| ILLUMINATION |  |
| Daylight | 18 |
| Street Lights | 8 |
| Total | 26 |
| WEATHER |  |
| Clear | 21 |
| Rain | 5 |
| Total | 26 |
| SEVERITY COUNT |  |
| Fatalities | 0 |
| Major | 3 |
| Moderate | 4 |
| Minor | 17 |
| Unk Severity | 13 |
| Unk if Injured | 0 |

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Crash Cluster Location


## STREET ROAD AND KNIGHTS ROAD EXISTING PEAK HOUR TURNING MOVEMENT COUNTS

AM Peak - 7:15-8:15 (PM Peak) - 4:45-5:45



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Area of Interest: (In County 09 On State Route 0132(P) Between Segment 0282 Offset 3429 and Segment 0292 Offset 50 ) or (In County 09 On State Route 0132(S) Between Segment 0283 Offset 3429 and Segment 0293 Offset 50)
Date Range: $\quad 1 / 1 / 2005$ to $12 / 31 / 2007$
Criteria: STATE ROAD
2. SR 132 Street Road at the Intersection of Knights Road

Segment 282, Offset 3429 to Segment 292, Offset 50






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Area of Interest: (In County 09 On State Route 0132(P) Between Segment 0302 Offset 1175 and Segment 0302 Offset 1275) or (In County 09 On State Route 0132(S) Between Segment 0303 Offset 1175 and Segment 0303 Offset 1275)
Date Range: $\quad 1 / 1 / 2005$ to 12/31/2007
Criteria: STATE ROAD

1. SR 132 Street Road at the Intersection of SR 513 Hulmeville Road

Segment 302, Offset 1175 to Segment 302, Offset 1275


Total Crashes 2005-2007 COLLISION TYPE
Angle
Rear-end
Head On
Non-collision
Total
-

ILLUMINATION
Daylight
Street Lights
Dusk
Total
WEATHER
Clear
Rain

| Total |
| :--- |
| SEVERITY COUN |

Fatalities
Major
Moderate
Minor
Unk Severity
Unk If Injured



Area of (In County 09 On State Route 0132(P) Between Segment 0282 Offset 1171 and Segment 0282 Offset 3428) or (In
Interest: County 09 On State Route 0132(S) Between Segment 0283 Offset 1171 and Segment 0283 Offset 3428) or (In County
09 On State Route $0132(\mathrm{P})$ Between Segment 0292 Offset 51 and Segment 0302 Offset 1174) or (In County 09 On State

| MONTH OF YEAR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | DAY OF WEEK |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |  |  | SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THR | FRI | SAT |  |
| CRASHES | 1 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 68 | CRASHES | 6 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 19 | 14 | 68 |
| PCT | 1\% | 7\% | 1\% | 17\% | 10\% | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | 10\% | 4\% | 11\% | 8\% | 100\% | PCT | 8\% | 10\% | 10\% | 13\% | 8\% | 27\% | 20\% | 100\% |

## HOUR OF DAY

|  | 00 | 01 | 05 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| CRASHES | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| PCT | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| YEAR |  |  |  |
| CRASHES |  |  |  |
| 2005 | 25 | $36 \%$ |  |
| 2006 | 18 | $26 \%$ |  |
| 2007 | 25 | $36 \%$ |  |
| TOTAL | 68 | $100 \%$ |  |


| SEVERITY COUNT |  |
| :--- | ---: |
|  | PERSONS |
| FATALITIES | 2 |
| MAJOR | 0 |
| MODERATE | 5 |
| MINOR | 22 |
| UNK SEVERITY | 31 |
| UNK IF INJURED | 10 |


| DRIVER ACTIONS |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| NOCTIONS | PCT |  |
| IMPROPER/CARELESS TURN | 63 | $42 \%$ |
| OTHER IMPROPER DRIVING | 25 | $16 \%$ |
| IMPROPER ENTRANCE HWY | 16 | $10 \%$ |
| TOO FAST FOR CONDITION | 8 | $5 \%$ |
| DRIVER WAS DISTRACTED | 8 | $5 \%$ |
| UNKNOWN | 6 | $4 \%$ |
| CARELESS PASS/LN CHNG | 5 | $3 \%$ |
| TAILGATING | 3 | $2 \%$ |
| AFFECTED PHYSICAL COND | 3 | $2 \%$ |
| PROCEED W/O CLEARANCE | 2 | $1 \%$ |
| SUDDEN SLOWING/STOP | 2 | $1 \%$ |
| OTHERS | 2 | $1 \%$ |
| TOTAL | 7 | $4 \%$ |
| ENVIR/ROADWAY FACTORS | 150 | $100 \%$ |
|  |  |  |
| NONE | FACTORS | PCT |
| OTHER RDWY FACTOR | 67 | $98 \%$ |
| TOTAL | 1 | $1 \%$ |

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Date Range: $\quad 1 / 1 / 2005$ to $12 / 31 / 2007$
Criteria: STATE ROAD

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\begin{tabular}{|c|}
\hline Road Safety Audit \\
Bucks County \\
Street Road Crashes \\
Between Signalized Intersection \\
Collision Diagram \\
Crash Data Years 2005-2007 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
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Total Crashes $=7$
Pedestrian Crashes $=0$


Red $=$ Fatal Crash


SCHEMATIC NOT TO SCALE

| Road Safety Audit |
| :---: |
| Bucks County |
| Street Road Crashes |
| Between Signalized Intersections |
| Vicinity of Castle Drive |
| Collision Diagram |
| Crash Data Years 2005-2007 |

Total Crashes $=10$
Pedestrian Crashes $=0$



## Road Safety Audit Bucks County <br> Street Road Crashes Between Signalized Intersections <br> Collision Diagram Crash Data Years 2005-2007

Total Crashes $=11$
Pedestrian Crashes $=2$




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## 4 <br> Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission June 2008



Total Crashes = 17
Pedestrian Crashes $=2$


Source: PennDOT Crash Database



APPENDIX E
Photo Log


Yield sign beyond pedestrian crosswalk-typical in the corridor


West of Mechanicsville Road there are no sidewalks; there are no curb ramps at the crosswalk


Pavement markings faded, typical throughout the corridor


Delineators for right turn channelized island are damaged, intersection of Mechanicsville Road


Delineators for right turn channelized island have been destroyed, intersection of Mechanicsville Road


Entrance to the shopping center west of the Mechanicsville Road intersection. Right turns out only.


Entrance to the shopping center west of the Mechanicsville Road intersection. Right and left turns in are allowed


Turn arrow pavement marking is faded


Pedestrian crossing Street Road east of the Mechanicsville Road intersection.


Bicyclist using the Street Road westbound, east of the Mechanicsville Road intersection.


Faded pavement markings


Pedestrian using the grassy area of the south side of Street Road, east of the Mechanicsville Road intersection.


Street Road entrance to Kohl's - large oversized arrow and no pedestrian crosswalk


Two traffic signals facing the shopping center driveway west of Castle Drive


Street Road entrance to Kohl's - geometry allows speeding into the entrance from the main road


Faded pavement markings on Street Road and the shopping center driveway west of Castle Drive.


Bus stop for the eastbound direction on Street Road


Driveway with faded pavement markings - signalized


Bicyclist using the sidewalk on Street Road


Guide rail with obsolete end treatment


Vehicle turning left from a driveway onto Street Road


Bus in travel lane dropping of passengers into area with no sidewalks on Street Road, west of Knights Road


Heavy truck traffic on Street Road


Pedestrians using the shoulder for travel on Street Road west of Knights Road


Faded pavement markings at the Knights Road intersection


Faded pavement markings and no "yield" sign at the channelized right turn at the Knights Road intersection


Path cut by foot traffic on the southwest corner of the Knights Road intersection


Faded pavement markings and "yield" sign at the channelized right turn beyond the crosswalk at northwest corner of the Knights Road intersection


Pedestrians crossing Street Road at the Knights Road intersection


Path cut by foot traffic on the southwest corner of the Knights Road intersection


Conflict with Street Road traffic from vehicles exiting the gas station at the Knights Road intersection


No sidewalk and undefined driveway on Street Road


Faded pavement markings and channelized island with missing delineators


Sign leaning into the travelway


Pedestrian jaywalking across Street Road


Sidewalk abruptly ends beyond driveway


Pedestrian jaywalking across Street Road east of Knights Road intersection


Sign faded


Crosswalk at the southbound approach of the Knights Road intersection leads into the gas station


Pavement markings faded. Crosswalk and curb ramp lead to grassy area


Sign on the sidewalk. Parking lot blocks pedestrian way


Mid block crosswalk, pavement marking faded


Sidewalk abruptly ends


No curb ramp for mid block crosswalk


Sign blocked by utility pole and sign in the background twisted


Sign mounted too low; school has moved


Sign defaced; needs to be replaced


Faded "no pedestrian" sign


Pavement marking faded at Bensalem Plaza


Sign knocked down at entrance to Bensalem Plaza


Pavement marking faded at Bensalem Plaza. Pedestrian signal head needs upgrading to man/hand with countdown timers


Sign faded


Curb cuts along Street Road


Pedestrian using the shoulder for travel along the south side of Street Road


Sidewalk ends abruptly


Sign on the shoulder along Street Road


Sidewalk ends abruptly


Curb cuts along Street Road and road configuration


Pavement marking faded and no "yield" sign at the channelized right turn at the Hulmeville Road intersection


Heavy traffic on Street Road at the Hulmeville Road intersection


Traffic signal heads are not aligned with lanes at the eastbound approach of the Hulmeville Road intersection


Faded pavement markings at the Hulmeville Road intersection


Faded pavement markings at the Hulmeville Road intersection


Missing delineators on the channelized island at the Hulmeville Road intersection

## APPENDIX F

## Prompt List

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MARKET STREET ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

## PROMPT LIST

Audit Team Member $\qquad$

## GENERAL ISSUES

| Item \# | Description | Check | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ <br> Drainage | Do drainage items seem to be <br> adequate? | Cle |  |
|  | Are drainage items clear of debris? |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ <br> Public <br> Utilities | Are boxes, poles, and/or posts located <br> in a safe position? |  |  |
|  | Do the above items interfere with sight <br> distance? |  |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ <br> Access <br> Management | Are there locations where access <br> management is problematic? |  |  |
|  | Are driveways placed close to <br> crossings? |  |  |
| $\mathbf{4}$ <br> Lighting | Is lighting needed in specific locations? |  |  |

ALIGNMENT AND CROSS SECTION

| Item \# | Description | Check | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ <br> Visibility | Are sight distances adequate for the <br> speed of traffic on Street Road? |  |  |


|  | Is adequate sight distance provided at <br> intersections? |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{2}$ <br> Driver <br> expectation | Are there any sections of the roadway <br> that may cause driver confusion. For <br> instance: | a. Is alignment of roadway clearly <br> defined? |  |

## INTERSECTIONS

| Item \# | Description | Check | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ <br> Location | Are there any roadside objects nearby <br> that would intrude on a driver's line of <br> sight? |  |  |
|  | Are the intersections adequate for all <br> vehicular movements? |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ <br> Controls | Are pavement markings and intersection <br> control signing satisfactory? |  |  |
|  | Are there any pedestrian signals? |  |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ <br> Signage | Is the intersection appropriately signed? |  |  |



## TRAFFIC SIGNALS

| Item \# | Description | Check | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ <br> Signal <br> Operation | Are traffic signals operating correctly? <br> (e.g., clearance time) |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ <br> Visibility | Are traffic signals clearly visible to <br> approaching motorists? |  |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ <br> Signal <br> Upgrading | Do the signals need to be upgraded? |  |  |
| $\mathbf{4}$ <br> Pedestrian <br> Signal <br> Timing | Are traffic and pedestrian signals timed <br> so that wait times and crossing times <br> are reasonable? |  |  |
|  | Is there a problem because of an <br> inconsistency in pedestrian actuation (or <br> detection) types? |  |  |
|  | Are all pedestrian signals and push <br> buttons functioning correctly and safely? |  |  |
|  | Are ADA accessible push buttons <br> provided and properly located? |  |  |
|  | Are there locations where a pedestrian <br> signal is warranted? |  |  |

## PEDESTRIANS

| Item \# | Description | Check | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ <br> Land Use <br> Factors | Are there schools or other pedestrian <br> generators nearby? |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ <br> Sidewalks | Are sidewalks continuous throughout the <br> corridor? |  |  |


|  | Are the sidewalks in good conditions (uneven, cracked, etc.)? |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Are the sidewalks wide enough to accommodate persons using mobility aides? |  |  |
|  | Is the sidewalk width adequate for pedestrian volumes? |  |  |
| $3$ <br> Driveways | Are the conditions at driveways intersecting sidewalks endangering pedestrians? |  |  |
|  | Do drivers look for and yield to pedestrians when turning into and out of driveways? |  |  |
| 4 <br> Facilities at Intersections | Are crosswalks provided at intersections? |  |  |
|  | Are the pedestrian ramps adequate? |  |  |
|  | Are pedestrian refuge islands needed at any key intersections? |  |  |
|  | Are there pedestrian signals located at intersections? |  |  |
|  | Is the intersection clearly delineated for the visually impaired? |  |  |
|  | Is there adequate drainage at the intersection to prevent ponding? |  |  |
| 5 <br> Lighting | Is the sidewalk adequately lit for pedestrians to see and feel safe? |  |  |
|  | Are the pedestrian crosswalks adequately lit for pedestrians and motorists? |  |  |
| 6 <br> Visibility and | Are pedestrians waiting to cross visible to motorists? |  |  |


| Sight <br> Distance | Can pedestrians see approaching <br> vehicles? |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Are there temporary or permanent <br> obstructions near crosswalks (parked <br> vehicles, vegetation, fences, etc.) |  |  |

## BICYCLISTS

| Item \# |  |  |  |  | Description | Check | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Are there share-the-road signs posted? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Is the road surface of suitable quality for <br> bicyclists? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Are drainage grates bicycle friendly? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Are parked vehicles an obstruction to <br> bicyclists? |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## TRANSIT

| Item \# | Description | Check | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ <br> Buses | Are bus stops located at the far side or <br> near side of the intersection? |  |  |
|  | Are bus stops signed appropriately? |  |  |
|  | Are there adequate waiting areas for <br> pedestrians around bus stops (shelter or <br> bench)? |  |  |
| Are bus stop locations safe for <br> passengers boarding and unboarding <br> the bus? |  |  |  |

## SIGNAGE, PAVEMENT MARKINGS, DELINEATION, AND LIGHTING

| Item \# | Description | Check | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1$ <br> Signage | Are there signs missing from key locations? |  |  |
|  | Are signs easy to understand? |  |  |
|  | Are the correct signs used for each situation? Is each sign necessary? |  |  |
|  | Are signs effective for all likely conditions (i.e., day, night, oncoming headlights, etc.)? |  |  |
|  | Are there locations where there is sign clutter? |  |  |
|  | Are all necessary regulatory, warning, and direction signs (including detours) in place? Are they conspicuous? |  |  |
|  | Are they redundant? |  |  |
|  | Are traffic signs in their correct locations and properly positioned with respect to lateral clearance and height? |  |  |
|  | Are signs placed so as to restrict sight distance, particularly for vehicles? |  |  |
|  | Do signs supports conform to guidelines? |  |  |


| 2 <br> Pavement <br> Markings <br> and <br> Delineation | Do existing pavement markings need to <br> be repainted? | Have raised pavement markers been <br> installed? |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Are pavement markings easily visible <br> and effective for all likely conditions (i.e., <br> at night, day, inclement weather, etc.)? |  |  |
|  | Are guide posts correctly placed, clean, <br> and visible? |  |  |
|  | Are marked crosswalks wide enough? |  |  |
|  | Is appropriate lighting installed at <br> intersections and pedestrian crossings? |  |  |
|  | Are the appropriate types of poles used <br> for all locations and are they correctly <br> installed? |  |  |
|  | Are all locations free of any lighting that <br> may visually conflict with signs? |  |  |

## PAVEMENT

| Item \# | Description | Check | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1}$ <br> Pavement <br> defects | Is the pavement free of defects (i.e., <br> excessive roughness, potholes) that <br> could result in safety problems? |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ <br> Ponding | Is the pavement free of areas where <br> ponding may occur, resulting in a safety <br> problem? |  |  |

## APPENDIX G <br> Response Sheet

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION STREET ROAD - ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

RESPONSE SHEET

| Corridor-wide Issues | Potential Strategies | Decision <br> AgreelReject | Planned <br> Completion Date | Comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sidewalks: <br> Sidewalks are not <br> continuous on both sides <br> of Street Road. There are <br> areas where pedestrians <br> were observed using the <br> shoulders for travel. | - Install continuous <br> sidewalk along the <br> corridor. |  |  |  |
| Access: <br> - Property access along <br> Street Road is <br> inconsistent. | Develop an access <br> management strategy that <br> establishes consistency along <br> the corridor: <br> - Properly sign turning <br> movement (i.e., right turn <br> only, which is <br> enforceable); <br> Combine driveways and <br> allow connector roads <br> between businesses. |  |  |  |
| Pavement markings: <br> Existing pavement <br> markings are worn and <br> faded. <br> There are no breaks in the <br> center turn lane for the <br> intersections. | -Restripe and upgrade <br> pavement markings along <br> the corridor. <br> Install breaks in the <br> striping of the center turn <br> lane for the intersections. |  |  |  |


| Corridor-wide Issues | Potential Strategies | Decision Agree/Reject | Planned Completion Date | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pavement markings (continued): <br> - On the smaller side streets in the corridor, delineation is lacking. | - Stripe side streets to guide motorists in their travel lane. <br> - Revise pavement marking patterns to address other corridorwide issues with left turns and access management. |  |  |  |
| Signage: <br> - Along the corridor many warning and regulatory signs are worn and faded. | - Conduct a sign inventory along the corridor and replace and upgrade signs with breakaway sign posts as appropriate. |  |  |  |
| Pedestrian issues: <br> - Long distances between signals with established pedestrian crossings. <br> - Pedestrians are jaywalking. | - Identify appropriate locations (midblock and intersections of public roads) for crosswalks between the existing signalized intersections at pedestrian desire lines and mark and sign appropriately. |  |  |  |


| Corridor-wide Issues | Potential Strategies | Decision Agree/Reject | Planned Completion Date | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pedestrian issues (continued): | PennDOT by policy will not approve a midblock crossing on any road with a posted speed greater than 35 mph . <br> Provide appropriate pedestrian amenities at signalized intersections: <br> - Pedestrian man/hand signal heads with countdown; <br> - Continental style crosswalks; <br> - Pedestrian push buttons; <br> - Yield pavement markings at channelized right lane crosswalks. |  |  |  |
| Aggressive driving: <br> - The crash data shows evidence of aggressive driving along the corridor. | - Determine if Street Road qualifies as a "Designated Safety Corridor" (enhanced enforcement and fines doubled) and petition accordingly from US 1 to I-95. |  |  |  |


| Corridor-wide Issues | Potential Strategies | Decision Agree/Reject | Planned Completion Date | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aggressive driving (continued): | - Improve driving habits through media (education) and enforcement activities. <br> - Consider signal timing coordination along the corridor. <br> - Reexamine the signal timing plans-change clearance intervals, extending effective green times. Consider increasing "all red" time as appropriate. <br> According to the Bensalem Township engineer, the signals are currently on a closed loop system, which is time based, and the township is considering converting to a traffic responsive system in the future. |  |  |  |
| Left-turn Access: <br> - Uncontrolled left-turn access to businesses along the corridor. | Determine the viability of restricting left turns and implement as appropriate. |  |  |  |


| Corridor-wide Issues | Potential Strategies | Decision Agree/Reject | Planned Completion Date | Comments |
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| Left-turn Access (continued): | - Identify locations for restriction; <br> - Restriction of left turns during peak hours only; <br> - Establish a test period using flexible delineator poles to restrict left-turn movement; <br> - Based on the test, create a curbed median (landscaped) with designated median opening for left-turn movements. |  |  |  |
| Traffic Volumes: <br> - Traffic volumes along the corridor are high and have the potential to increase with future development at Philadelphia Park. | - Consider travel demand management (TDM) strategies to reduce singleoccupant vehicle (SOV) trips. <br> - Consider roadway design modifications and maintenance. |  |  |  |


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| Delineators: <br> - The delineators on the channelizing islands are knocked down. | - Replace and upgrade the delineators, which are constantly knocked down, with enhanced, highly durable, and flexible channelizing posts. |  |  |  |
| Street Lighting: <br> - There is a lack of adequate street lighting along the corridor. Street lights are located only on the north side of Street Road. | - Install additional street lights as appropriate. <br> - At a minimum, street lights should be installed at all intersections to enhance the visibility for all users. <br> - Install street lights at all proposed midblock crossings. |  |  |  |
| Mass Transit: <br> - There is a lack of pedestrian amenities at the bus stops. <br> - Bus stop locations are not clearly signed (signs posted on utility poles). | - Provide seating, lights, and bus information at the existing shelters. <br> - Clearly mark bus stops in the corridor to alert passengers, as well as motorists. <br> - Provide shelters with appropriate amenities. |  |  |  |


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| Road User Diversity: <br> • Pedestrians and motorists <br> in the corridor are of <br> varying nationalities and <br> English is not their first <br> language. | - Coordination with <br> community leaders, <br> township, and PennDOT to <br> address this problem. |  |  |  |


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| At Mechanicsville Road |  |  |  |  |
| - Traffic will increase due the to casino expansion. Casino-bound vehicles traveling eastbound on Street Road are missing the entrance and make illegal u-turns at the Mechanicsville Road intersection. | - Upgrade the directional signage for the casino. |  |  |  |
| - "Yield" signs at the channelized island are located too far ahead in the turn (beyond the crosswalk). | - Relocate the "yield" sign as appropriate and add the "saw-tooth" yield pavement marking prior to the crosswalk. |  |  |  |
| - SEPTA bus shelter located west of Mechanicsville Road. | - Consider relocating the bus shelter to the east of Mechanicsville Road to serve shopping center (based on demand). |  |  |  |
| Between Mechanicsville and Knights Road |  |  |  |  |
| - From Knights Road to Mechanicsville Road there were no center turn lane markings. | - Add center turn lane pavement markings to this area as appropriate. |  |  |  |
| - There is a lack of pedestrian amenities for the traffic signal at the shopping center driveway. | - Upgrade the pedestrian signal heads to man/hands with countdown timers, push buttons, and signage. |  |  |  |


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| Between Mechanicsville and Knights Road (continued) |  |  |  |  |
| - To the west of the signalized drive is located an unsignalized driveway with left-turn access from Street Road. | - Restrict this driveway to right in/out only (with appropriate signs and pavement markings) with left turns provided at the traffic signal with shared access. |  |  |  |
| - From Castle Drive to Knights Road on the eastbound side of Street Road, there are no curbs or sidewalks. There is evidence of run-off-theroad and hit-fixed-object crashes. <br> - The shoulder is wide and cars speed in this area to turn right onto Knights Road. | - Make this area consistent with the rest of the roadway. Add a sidewalk and a curb. <br> - Stripe the shoulder area and add "keep off shoulder" signs. |  |  |  |
| At Knights Road |  |  |  |  |
| - Vegetation on the southwest corner of the intersection blocks pedestrian visibility. | - Trim vegetation. |  |  |  |
| - "Yield" signs at the channelized island are located too far ahead in the turn (beyond the crosswalk). | - Relocate the "yield" sign as appropriate and add the "saw-tooth" yield pavement marking prior to the crosswalk. |  |  |  |


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| At Knights Road (continued) |  |  |  |  |
| - There are high vehicle volumes. <br> - Vehicles speed into the eastbound channelized lane. | - Extend eastbound rightturn lane as appropriate (without affecting driveways). <br> - Add a pedestrian sign to warn motorists of pedestrian activity. <br> Consider possible redesign of the intersection to improve capacity |  |  |  |
| - Crossing Street Road and Knight Road on the south side of Knight, it is difficult to see the pedestrian signal head. | - Orient the signal for pedestrian visibility. |  |  |  |
| - The bus stop on the northwest corner of the intersection is too close to the intersection. The bus stop in the travel lane affects right turns from southbound Knight Road and westbound through movement. | - Relocate the bus stop to the west in the deceleration lane for the pharmacy and keep stopped buses out of the travel way. |  |  |  |
| - Crosswalks lead into the gas station where pedestrians are forced to mix with vehicles. | - Provide a sidewalk for the safe travel of pedestrians at this location. |  |  |  |


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| Between Knights Road and Bensalem Plaza |  |  |  |  |
| - At the Kohl's driveway, eastbound left turns are restricted; however, the center lane pattern advises motorists of possible left turns. This is a confusing message to motorists. | - The center turn lane should be signed (striped) to reflect where turning restrictions are located; post signs denoting the turning restrictions (short term) and redesign the driveway (long term) |  |  |  |
| - Vehicles are speeding into the driveway, which is unsafe for pedestrians. | - Redesign the driveway to force motorist to slow down for safe access. <br> - Add appropriate pedestrian crossing signs. |  |  |  |
| At Bensalem Plaza |  |  |  |  |
| - There are inadequate pedestrian amenities for the traffic signal. | - Upgrade the traffic signal with pedestrian man/hand sign heads with countdown timers. |  |  |  |
| - The crosswalk across Street Road on the Plaza side of the road has no curb ramp. | - Redesign and make the curb ramp available for the physically disabled. |  |  |  |
| - "Stop here on red" sign is knocked down. | - Replace the sign. |  |  |  |


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| Between Bensalem Plaza and Hulmeville Road |  |  |  |  |
| - Between Asbury Avenue and Bensalem Plaza, the algebraic difference between the grade of the paved shoulder and the grade of the super elevation (travel lanes) seems extreme. | - Evaluate the existing condition and upgrade to the appropriate design standards. |  |  |  |
| - The guide rail adjacent to the church has no end treatment | - Upgrade and install guide rail end treatment according to current standards. |  |  |  |
| - There are no warning signs for the transition from three to two lanes westbound. | - Add appropriate lane drop warning signs. |  |  |  |
| At Hulmeville Road |  |  |  |  |
| - The "yield" sign is missing at the channelized island. | - Add the "yield" sign as appropriate and add the "saw-tooth" yield pavement marking prior to the crosswalk. |  |  |  |
| - There are no pedestrian crosswalks on the east side of the intersection. | - Add pedestrian crosswalks as appropriate. |  |  |  |
| - There is inadequate street lighting at the intersection. | - Add street lights to the intersection. |  |  |  |


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| At Hulmeville Road (continued) |  |  |  |  |
| - Eastbound there are no signal heads for the right lane. It is difficult to see if there are trucks present. | - Add a three-section signal head over the right lane. |  |  |  |
| - Due to the geometry of this intersection and the crosswalks, the stop lines are set back accordingly; however, this seems to cause conflicts for PA 513 left turns with the permissive movements. | - Reexamine the signal timing plansconsider protected left turns only. |  |  |  |

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ABSTRACT: This report documents the process and findings of the Street Road, Road Safety Audit (RSA) undertaken by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC). This project reflects the collaboration between PennDOT District 6 and DVRPC to address locations in the region with safety issues in order to obligate Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding for remedial actions with the aim of making the region's roadways safer. This corridor is identified in Pennsylvania Top Five Percent locations in 2007 as one of 17 locations exhibiting the most severe safety needs. The goal of the audit is to generate improvement recommendations and countermeasures for this section of Street Road to reduce the incidence of motor vehicle crashes. Emphasis is placed on identifying low-cost, quick turnaround safety projects to address the issues where possible. The report details safety issues along the study corridor identified by the audit team and remedial strategies to address them. Priorities for implementation are identified. A scope of work and cost estimates are formulated by PennDOT District 6 consultants and included.

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