

# NJTPA LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAM

## Intersection improvements on East Front Street in Plainfield

Funding awarded:  
**\$1,110,000**

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Union County received a \$1.11 million grant for this project through the NJTPA's FY 2016-2017 Local Safety Program (LSP). This project will improve pedestrian safety and overall operations by updating technology and striping on East Front Street (CR 620) at three cross streets: Watchung Avenue, Roosevelt Avenue and Richmond Street/Norwood Avenue in Plainfield.

### Project Details

Improvements will include: traffic signal upgrades, audible pedestrian countdown signals, highly visible crosswalks and left turn lanes (where feasible) at the three intersections.

### About the Project Area

East Front Street is a heavily trafficked business district that draws motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. The section of the corridor from Watchung Avenue to Richmond Street contains a supermarket,

public storage facility, YWCA, restaurants and other businesses. The intersection of Watchung Avenue and East Front Street ranks first in Union County and sixth in the NJTPA region for rate of pedestrian crashes. The other two intersections at East Front Street rank in the top 25 in the county for pedestrian crashes. Planters, trees, traffic control boxes and other fixtures make it difficult for motorists to see pedestrians and cyclists, all of which would be addressed through the safety improvements.

### Local Safety Program

The LSP specializes in cost-effective, "quick-fix" solutions that can make an immediate impact on their target areas. The LSP is a federally funded program established by the NJTPA, in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Transportation, to advance safety initiatives on county and local roads. For more information, visit [www.njtpa.org/LocalSafety](http://www.njtpa.org/LocalSafety).

