

NJTPA LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAM

Safety improvements at 11 intersections in Belleville, Irvington, Bloomfield, Newark and Maplewood

Funding awarded:
\$5,089,005

ESSEX COUNTY



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Essex County received a \$5,089,005 grant for this project through the NJTPA's FY 2017-2018 Local Safety Program (LSP). The grant includes funding for construction and construction inspection services. The project will improve safety and overall operations at 11 intersections on five county roads: Franklin Avenue, Belleville; Springfield Avenue, Irvington; Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield; Broadway, Newark; and Valley Street, Maplewood.

Project Details

Improvements will include: traffic signal upgrades, pedestrian countdown signals and high visibility crosswalks. Left-turn lanes will be incorporated where feasible. New traffic signals will be installed on Springfield Avenue at Smith and Orange streets; Broadway at Kearny and Carteret streets; and Valley Street at Pierson Road.

About the Project Area

All of these intersections see significant traffic and many are ranked near the top in

the County for risk of pedestrian crashes. The intersections of Franklin Avenue at Joralemon Street and Mill Street in Belleville are ranked first and second on the NJTPA's list of high-crash intersections in Essex County. Springfield Avenue in Irvington is ranked first on the NJTPA's list of high-crash pedestrian corridors in the County. And Bloomfield Avenue at Municipal Plaza and Grove Street are ranked fourth and 10th on the NJTPA's list of high-crash pedestrian intersections in the County.

The Local Safety Program

The LSP specializes in cost-effective solutions that can make an immediate impact on their target areas. The LSP is federally funded, utilizing Highway Safety Improvement Program funds. It was established by the NJTPA in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration and New Jersey Department of Transportation to advance safety initiatives on county and local roads. For more information, visit www.njtpa.org/LocalSafety.

