

# NJTPA LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAM

## Safety improvements at the intersection of Easton Avenue and Demott Lane in Franklin Township

Funding awarded:  
**\$1,796,250**

## S O M E R S E T C O U N T Y



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**S**omerset County received a \$1,796,250 grant for this project through the NJTPA's FY 2017-2018 Local Safety Program (LSP). The grant includes funding for design and construction. The project will improve safety and overall operations at the intersection of Easton Avenue and Demott Lane.

### Project Details

Improvements will include: traffic signal upgrades; pedestrian countdown signals with Americans with Disabilities Act compliant push-buttons; high visibility crosswalks; crash cushions at the ends of the concrete medians; and guiderail improvements. The project also includes reconstruction of the sidewalk from Demott Lane to the shopping center south of the intersection.

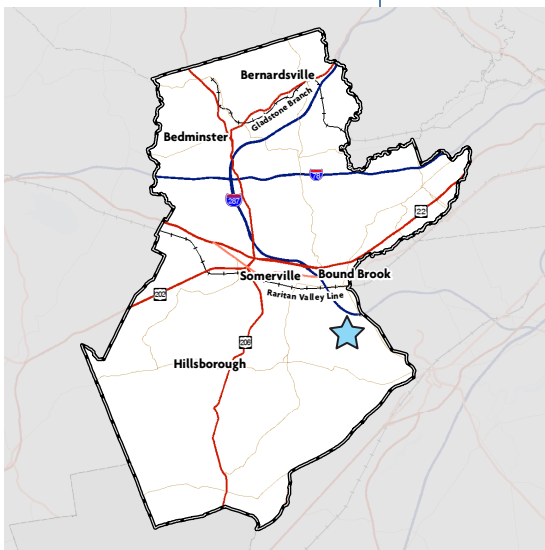
### About the Project Area

Easton Avenue is a heavily travelled north-south corridor. The corridor ranks 10th on the NJTPA's list of high-crash pedestrian corridors

in Somerset County. There is a driveway for the historic Symen Van Wickle House at the intersection, which also serves as access to the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park Towpath. A family plot cemetery associated with the Van Wickle House is adjacent to the intersection. Rutgers Preparatory School is located just north of the intersection.

### 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](http://www.njtpa.org/LocalSafety).



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