

NJTPA LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAM

Intersection Improvements to County Routes 602, 655, and 658, Irvington, East Orange and Newark

**Funding awarded:
\$2,517,604**

ESSEX COUNTY



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Esex County successfully applied for a \$2,517,604 grant for this project through the NJTPA's 2013 Local Safety Program. The project will modernize eight signalized intersections located along a 1-mile segment of Park Avenue (CR 658) spanning from 19th Street in East Orange to Lake Street in Newark, as well as the intersections of Lyons Avenue (CR 602) and Grove and Coit streets, and Clinton Avenue (CR 655) and Civic Square in Irvington.

Project Details

Improvements will include: the replacement of antiquated traffic signal equipment and the installation of push button-activated pedestrian countdown timers, high visibility crosswalks and dedicated left turn lanes.

About the Project Area

These eight intersections all exhibited crash rates above state averages according to 2008-11 data, including several vehicle-

pedestrian and vehicle-bicycle accidents. In previous years, four additional Local Safety projects applying to the Park Avenue Corridor were approved, while a FY 2007 project made improvements to intersections on Civic Square and Lyons Avenue.

The Local Safety Program

The Local Safety Program (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.

