

NJTPA LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAM

Intersection improvements along the Lyons Avenue and Chancellor Avenue corridors in Newark

Funding awarded:
\$6,178,160

ESSEX COUNTY



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Essex County received a \$6,178,160 grant for this project through the NJTPA's FY 2016-2017 Local Safety Program (LSP). The project will improve pedestrian safety, left turn movements and overall operations at 18 intersections on Lyons Avenue (CR 602) and Chancellor Avenue (CR 601) in Newark.

Project Details

Improvements will include: new traffic signals, left turn lanes, pedestrian countdown signals with increased crossing times, highly visible crosswalks, traffic signs, striping and replacement of existing traffic signals at various intersections along one-mile stretches on each road.

About the Project Area

Lyons Avenue and Chancellor Avenue are parallel, heavily travelled east-west corridors, which begin at Elizabeth Avenue and continue into neighboring Irvington on the southern side of the city. Lyons Avenue

is on the NJTPA's list of Top 25 Regional High Crash Pedestrian Corridors and is home to Newark Beth Israel Hospital. Both corridors have several intersections that experience higher-than-average pedestrian crash rates and an increased rate of left turn accidents. These crashes are, in part, attributed to inadequate signals and a lack of guidance for pedestrians.

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.

