

NJTPA LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAM

Safety improvements along Bloomfield Avenue (CR 506) in Montclair and Park Avenue (CR 658) in Orange, East Orange and Newark

Funding awarded:
\$9,685,049

ESSEX COUNTY



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Essex County received a \$9,685,049 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 along Bloomfield Avenue and nine intersections along Park Avenue.

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 Bloomfield Avenue at Midland Avenue and Seymore Street, and on Park Avenue at Cleveland Street and Mt. Prospect Street.

About the Project Area

Both roads are east-west corridors that provide access to Newark, the state's largest city and a major transportation hub. Bloomfield Avenue is ranked fourth and

Park Avenue is ranked 10th on the NJTPA's high-crash pedestrian corridors in the County and fifth and 19th, respectively, in the region. Bloomfield Avenue in Montclair is a high volume major commercial corridor, with significant pedestrian traffic. The NJ TRANSIT Bay Street Station is at one end of the corridor. Park Avenue runs parallel to I-280 and is predominantly residential with numerous schools, houses of worship and commercial properties. Both corridors serve as major NJ TRANSIT bus routes.

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.

