

NJTPA LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAM

Washington Avenue Corridor Improvements, Carlstadt

Funding awarded:
\$1,920,000

B E R G E N C O U N T Y



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Bergen County successfully applied for a \$1,920,000 grant for this project through the NJTPA's 2013 Local Safety Program. The project will entail a series of upgrades designed to make Washington Avenue (CR 503) from Paterson Plank Road to Moonachie Avenue/Empire Boulevard in Carlstadt safer for motorists and pedestrians.

Project Details

Improvements will include lane adjustments and signs designed to slow traffic, high visibility crosswalks and pavement markings, guide rail upgrades, countdown signals at intersections and the replacement of drainage grates with bicycle-safe grates. Plans also call for gaps in the concrete medians to be filled and fencing to be installed atop the medians in some locations to prevent improper turns and pedestrians from crossing the roadway.

About the Project Area

Washington Avenue serves as one of a handful of direct access routes to the Meadowlands Sports and Industrial complexes. The project area is a 1.4-mile segment of Washington Avenue that has exhibited crash rates above state averages, with high speeds, illegal turns and pedestrians failing to use crosswalks cited as contributing factors in many of the incidents.

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.

