

NJTPA LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAM

Valley Street (County Route 638)— 11 Intersections, Essex County

Funding awarded:
\$3,654,000

ESSEX COUNTY

Essex County received a \$3,654,000 grant for this project through the NJTPA's FY 2020 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 throughout the municipalities of Maplewood Township and South Orange Township. The 11 intersections are on Valley Street at 1st Street, 3rd Street, Parker Avenue, Oakland Road, Oakview Avenue, Tuscan Road, Baker Street; South Orange Avenue at Prospect Avenue and Ridgewood Avenue; and Irvington Avenue and Prospect Avenue.

Project Details

Improvements will include: signal upgrades, pedestrian signal upgrades, curb-extensions where feasible, pedestrian refuge islands where feasible, lead pedestrian intervals and one new traffic signal at the intersections of Valley Street and 1st Street (South Orange).

About the Project Area

Valley Road is an urban minor arterial consisting of predominantly one travel lane in each direction with on-street parking on both sides of the roadway. The traffic signals

along the corridor are predominantly older designs. Valley Street has a mix of commercial, residential and recreational properties.

The northern portion of Valley Street is within the South Orange Village Center Special Improvement District (SID). Nearby Maplewood Village is also a SID. A road safety audit (RSA) for the project area was conducted in October 2017 and many of the recommendations from the RSA will be built in this project. To view the complete findings and recommendations of the Valley Street RSA report, visit njtpa.org/rsa.

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 njtpa.org/LocalSafety.

