

NJTPA LOCAL SAFETY PROGRAM

Garfield Avenue from Merritt Street to Grand Street, Jersey City

**Funding awarded:
\$8,598,435**

JERSEY CITY

Jersey City received a \$8,598,435 grant for this project through the NJTPA's FY 2020 Local Safety Program (LSP). The grant includes funding for preliminary engineering, final design, construction and construction inspection services. The project will improve safety and overall operations along Garfield Avenue corridor between Merritt Street and Grand Street, including 31 intersections.

Project Details

Improvements will include: Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades (sidewalk width, driveway cross-grades), curb-extensions, signal upgrades, pedestrian signal upgrades, high visibility crosswalks, lead pedestrian intervals, and lighting.

About the Project Area

Garfield Avenue is classified as an urban minor arterial and is under the jurisdiction of the City of Jersey. The roadway has a general north-south orientation and the project area is approximately 2.5 miles long. It is also designated as a truck route for the majority of its length. The subject area is densely

developed and accommodates significant pedestrian, bicycle, vehicular, and commercial traffic. Residential uses front the majority of the roadway with commercial uses increasing toward the northerly extent of the corridor. Three NJ Transit Light Rail stations are located directly adjacent to or within one block of the corridor. One school, MS 40, is located near the southern end of the project area and two major parks, Bayside Park and Berry Lane Park, are also located along Garfield Avenue.

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.

