

Safety and Operations Analyses of Selected Intersections: FFY 2014

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Study Objectives

- Select up to four intersections
- Identify and study problems
- Recommend solutions
- Coordinate with municipalities and MassDOT



Consistent with Visions and Principles



Selected Intersections

- Milford Medway Road and Kmart Driveway
- Weymouth Washington and Broad streets
- Westwood High Street and Nahatan Street
- Westwood High Street and Pond Street



Medway Road and Kmart Driveway, Milford

- Poor access to and from businesses
- Lack of turn lanes
- High-crash location



Medway Road and Kmart Driveway

- Five short- and long-term alternatives
- Reconfigure travel lanes
- Install a roundabout

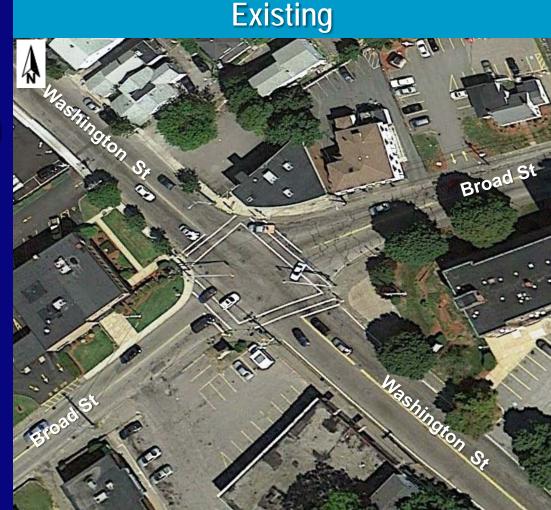
Add turn lanes



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Washington Street and Broad Street, Weymouth

- Pedestrian safety
 High-crash location
 Outdated signal equipment
- Congestion



Washington Street and Broad Street Weymouth

Reconstruct intersection

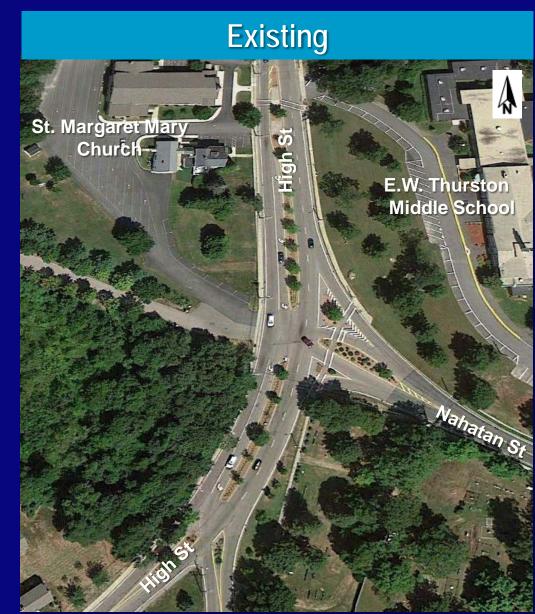
- Improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Reconfigure travel lanes
- Upgrade signal equipment

Reconstruct intersection



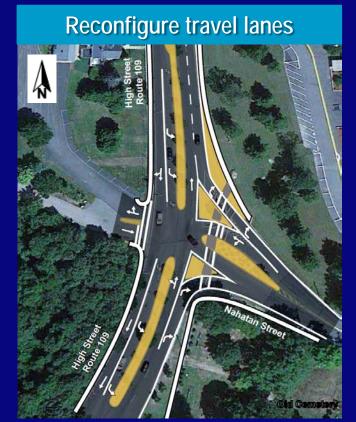
High Street and Nahatan Street, Westwood

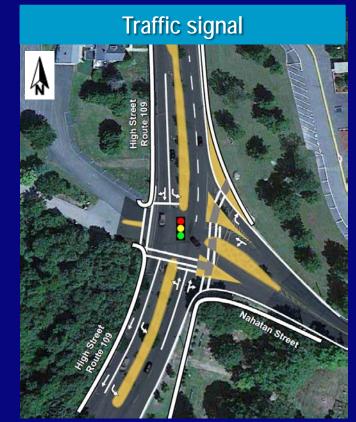
- High-crash location
- Traffic operations
- Pedestrian safety



High Street and Nahatan Street

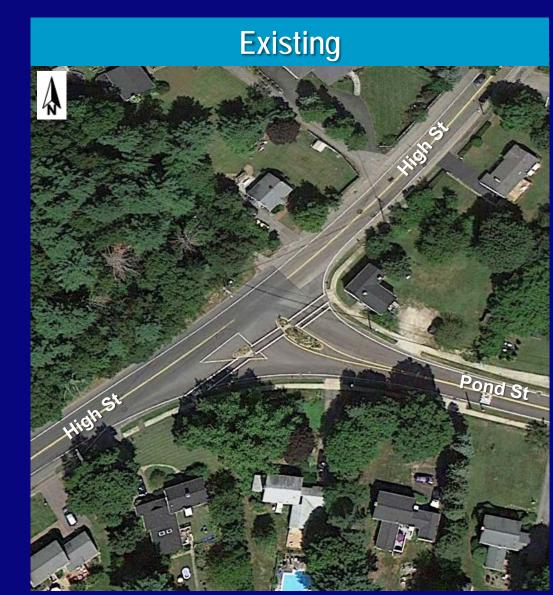
- Six short- and long-term alternatives
- Reconfigure travel lanes and improve visibility
- Install traffic signal or consider a roundabout





High Street and Pond Street, Westwood

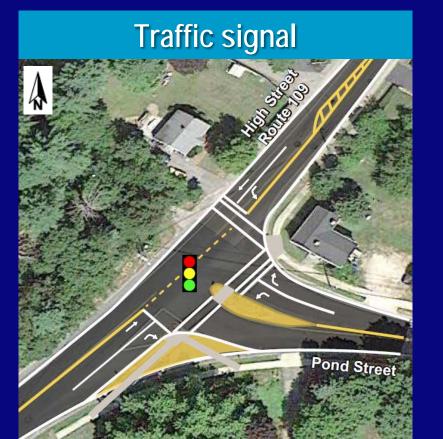
- Pedestrian safety
- Long crosswalk
- Speeding



High Street and Pond Street

- Three short- and long-term alternatives
- Make geometric improvements
- Install a new traffic signal





Resulting Benefits – Safety

Crash reduction factors

- Increase intersection visibility 35 to 40%
- Shorten crosswalk distance positive
- Install traffic signal up to 70%
- Convert signal to roundabout 30 to 70%
- Convert unsignalized to roundabout 30 to 80%
- Add two-way left-turn lane 25 to 46%
- Add a left-turn lane 30 to 44%
- Reconstruct intersection up to 80%



Resulting Benefits – Operations

Congestion reduction

- Medway Road and Kmart Driveway, Milford: Roundabout alternative – 8,000 vehicle-hours of delay reduction per year
- High Street at Nahatan Street, Westwood: Traffic signal alternative – 2,600 vehicle-hours of delay reduction per year
- Washington Street and Broad Street, Weymouth: Reconstruction – 600 vehicle-hours of delay reduction per year



Steps to Implementation

- Short-term improvements
- Long-term improvements
- Design by municipality
- Construction funding



Thank you!

Questions and comments?