Spot Safety Project Evaluation

Project Information

Order ID: 41000028037

Project ID: 04-08-212

Location: US 301 at NC 581

County: Wilson

City: Lucama

Division: 4

Signal ID: 04-0164

Countermeasure: Upgraded existing overhead flasher to include shoulder mounted "Vehicle

Entering" signs and flashers on both approaches of US 301. Existing yellow

beacons on US 301 were coordinated with shoulder mounted flashers.

Project Completion: December 15, 2009 Project Cost: \$100,000.00

Map and Aerial (from Google Maps – Coordinates are 35.613,-78.08979)

NC 581

US 301

US 301

Naive Before and After Analysis

Before Period: September 1, 2005 through October 31, 2009 (4 years, 2 months)

Const. Period: November 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 (2 months)

After Period: January 1, 20010 through February 28, 2014 (4 years, 2 months)

Analysis Criteria: Treatment data consisted of all crashes within 150 feet of the subject intersection

for the US 301 and NC 581 approaches.

Target Crashes: Frontal Impact crashes between a vehicle entering from NC 581 and a vehicle on

US 301

Treatment Information	Before	After	Percent Reduction (-) Percent Increase (+)
Total Crashes	9	7	-22.2%
Total Severity Index	14.4	5.2	- 63.6%
Target Crashes	8	5	-37.5%
Target Crash Severity Index	15.1	5.4	-64.0%
Volume (2006, 2010)	10,500	7,800	-25.7%

Injury Crash Summary	Before	After	Percent Reduction (-) Percent Increase (+)
Fatal injury Crashes	1	0	-100.0%
Class A injury Crashes	0	1	N/A
Class B injury Crashes	4	1	-75.0%
Class C Injury Crashes	2	2	0.0%
Property Damage Only	2	3	+50.0%

Overall Summary Results

Total Crashes: -22.2 % (reduction)

Total Crash Severity: -63.6 % (reduction)

Target Crashes: -37.5 % (reduction)

Target Crash Severity: -64.0 % (reduction)

Volume: -25.7 % (reduction)

Items for Discussion/Concerns

The installation of the "Vehicle Entering when Flashing" signs and flashers created a reduction in both total crashes and target crashes between the before and after periods. Also, the severity of both total crashes and target crashes experienced a reduction of over 60 percent between the before and after periods.

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