

# **Towards Safer Streets: The West Virginia Experience**



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# Incomplete Streets



Photograph from Edward Stollof

# Streets are inadequate:



No sidewalks



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## Too narrow to share with bikes



# Streets are inadequate:



Too dangerous to cross on foot





# Incomplete Streets are Unsafe

- A pedestrian is killed every 2 hours
- A bicyclist, every 2 days

## Older pedestrians are especially vulnerable

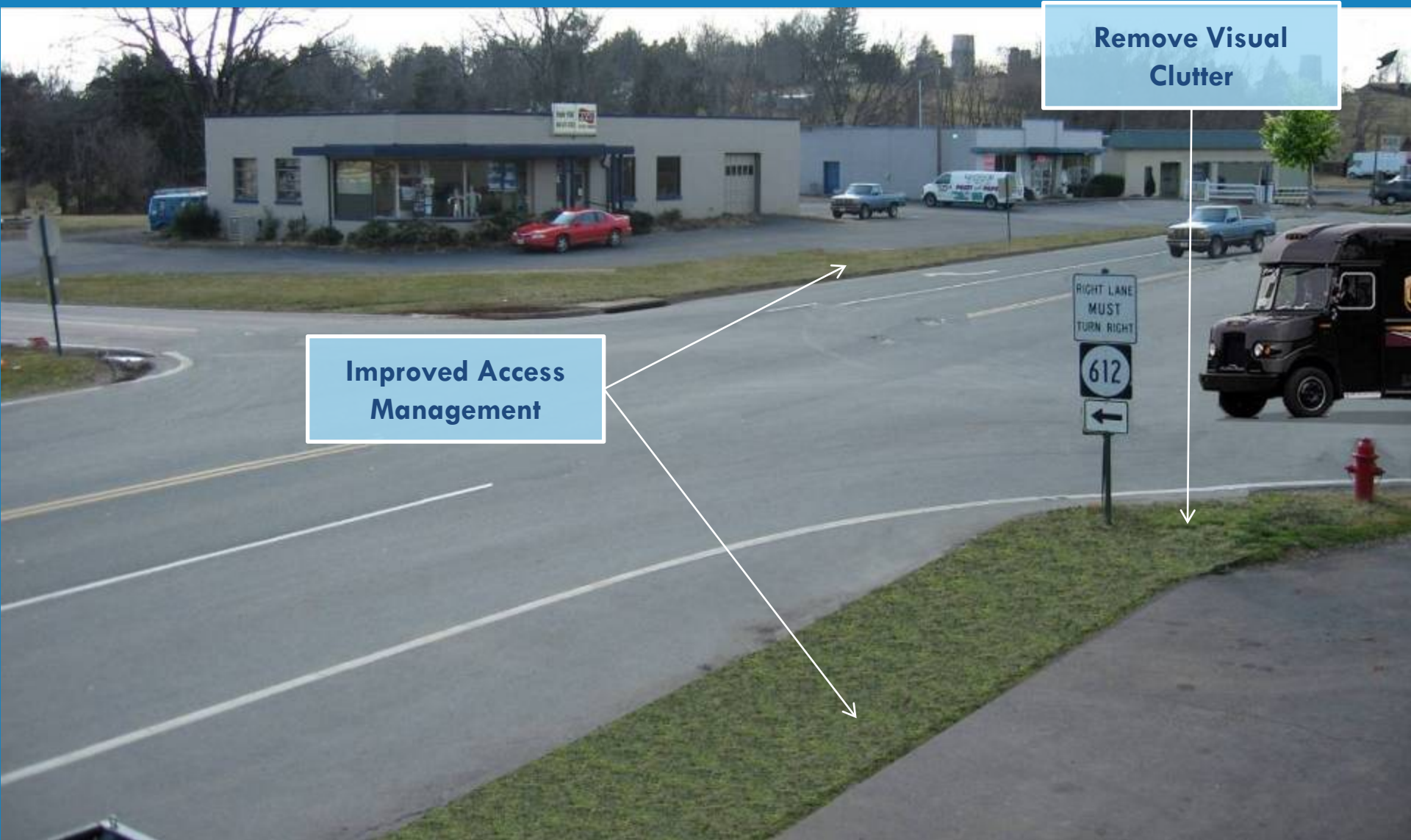
- In WV, older pedestrian fatality rate is 2.0 per 100,000 compared to 1.3 for < 65.
- Older Americans are nearly twice as likely to be killed while walking than < 65.
- Children 15 & under – 23% of injuries



# Rural Crossroads– Existing Conditions



# Rural Crossroads – Increase Focus, Remove Clutter



**Improved Access  
Management**

**Remove Visual  
Clutter**



# Rural Crossroads– Communicate Roadway Changes



# Rural Crossroads –Complete the Pedestrian Network





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“Adopt Complete  
Streets Policies”

# Thriving Main Streets





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**Thank you for your attention.**



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