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
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Too dangerous to cross on foot
Incomplete Streets are Unsafe

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

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Fatality Reporting System
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

NOTE: Concept Images– FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY
Rural Crossroads—Communicate Roadway Changes

Pavement Markings

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Rural Crossroads – Complete the Pedestrian Network

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Thriving Main Streets
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Thank you for your attention.

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