



CAREC Road Safety and Sustainable Mobility Course

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Road Standards and New Treatments – CASE Study Lithuania

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Key facts about Lithuania

Capital (and largest city): Vilnius

Official language: Lithuanian

Area: 65,300 km²

Population: 2,944 million

National currency: EURO

First mentioned: 9 March 1009

Borders' length: 1,732 km

Transport fleet: 2,275,977 (180,720 heavy)

Membership: EU, NATO

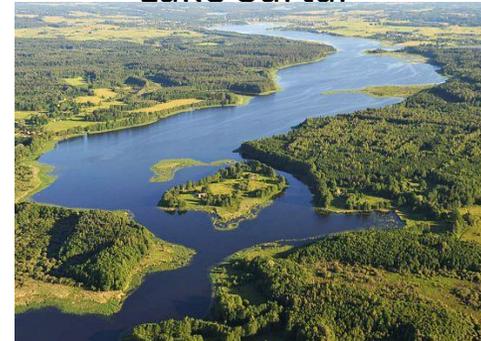
Trakai
Castle



Anykščiai Church



Lake Sartai



Kernavės Mounds



The problem

Under current trends,
road transport and **private cars**
remain dominant



If no action is taken,
the **challenges** faced in road
transport will get even harder

productivity
losses



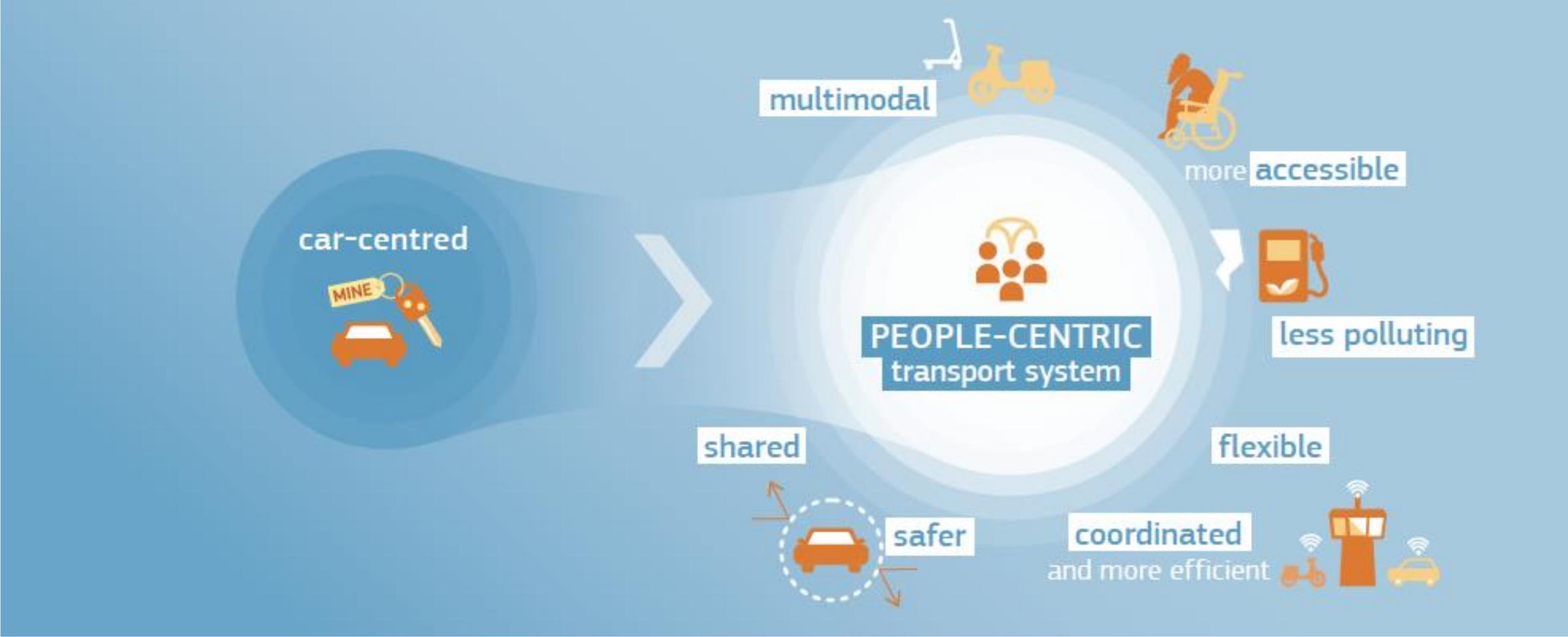
accidents
and fatalities

air **pollution**



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The vision



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Main road safety actors



The most important in this system is

HUMAN !!!!!

That's means, that vehicle, infrastructure must be adopted to human needs and capabilities

NEW TRAFFIC SAFETY APPROACH SINCE 2008

DIRECTIONS

Infrastructure

Sustainable planning
Design policy
Categorization of the roads
Safe infrastructure management
Investigation of accidents
Cost-benefit analysis

Infrastructure

ITS

Legislation

Upgrade of legislation and technical norms

Development of new legal acts and norms

Timely (up to 5y) renewal of legislation and norms

Education

Schools (children) education programs

Drivers training programs

Social campaigns, media

Trainings for specialists

Control

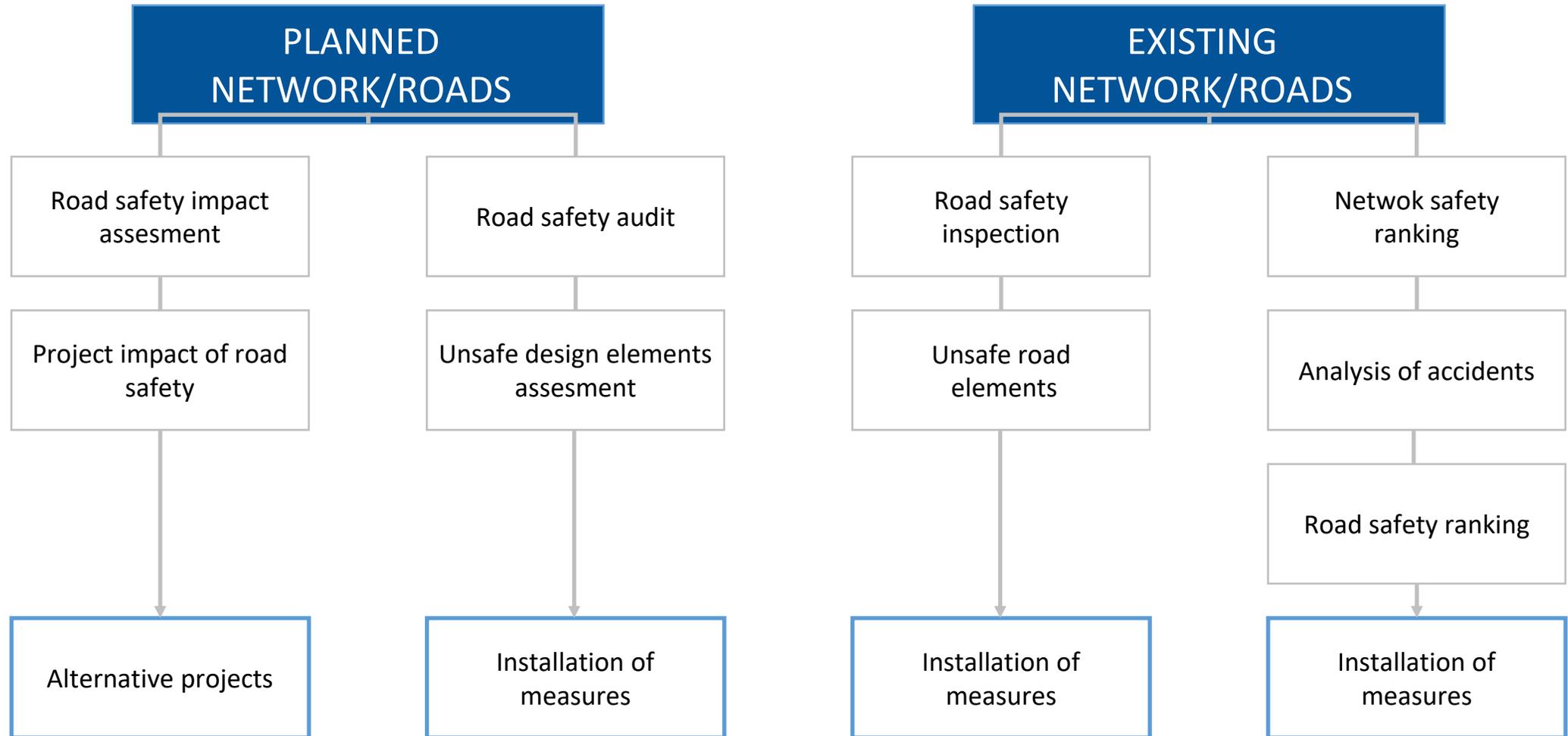
Police enforcement

Penalty system

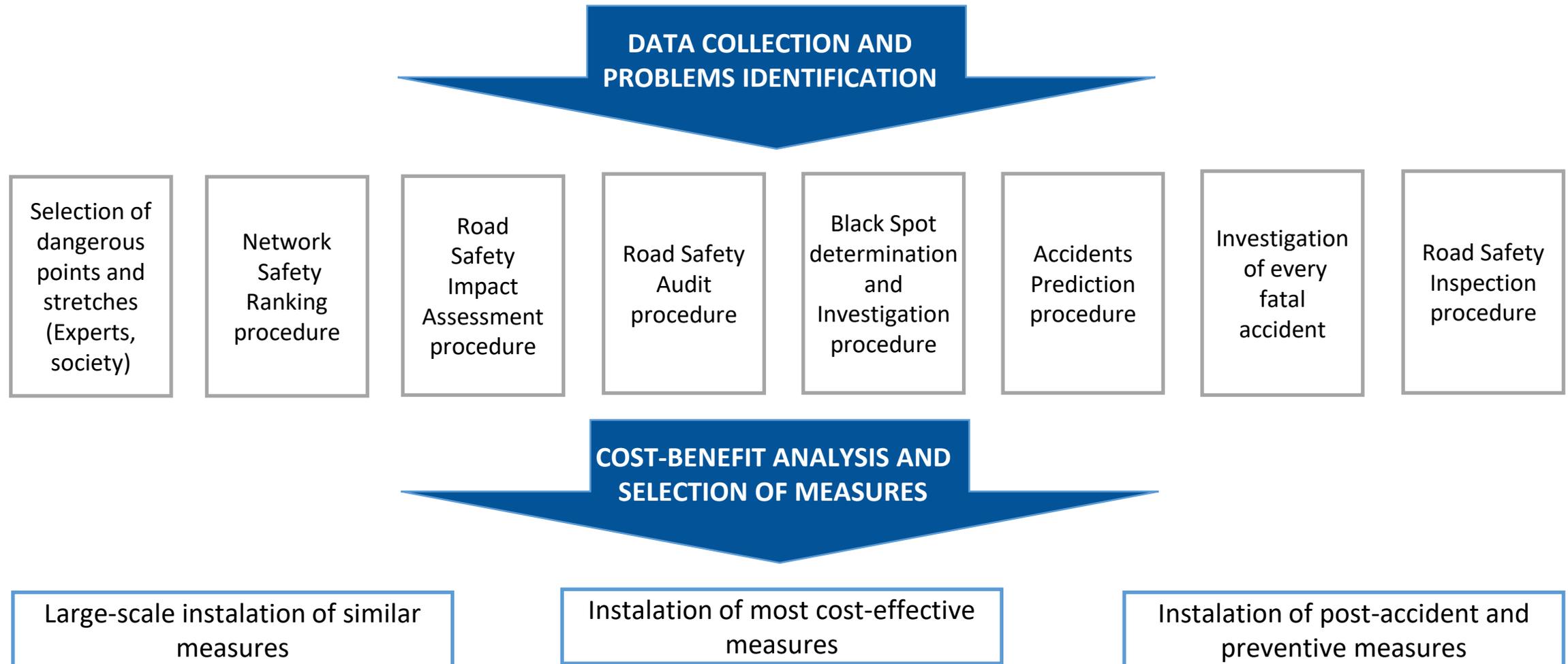
Speed cameras

Joint stakeholders' actions

Road safety infrastructure management procedure for all roads!!!

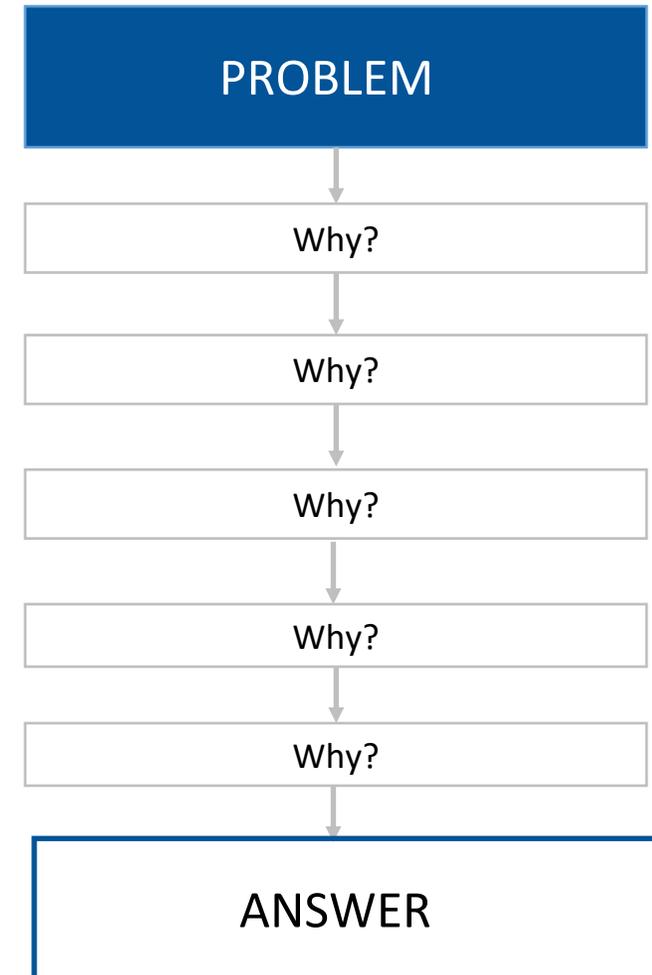


Road safety measures selection and installation process



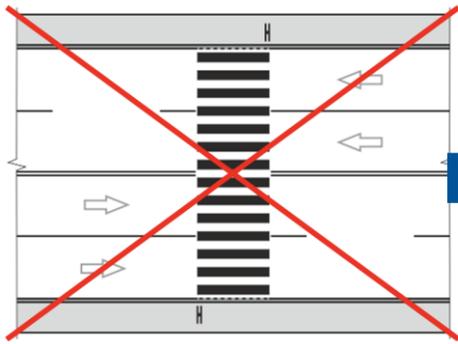
Use of POGSE and LEAN's 5 why's methodologies

P	- Problem
O	- Origin
G	- Goal
S	- Solution
E	- Evaluation

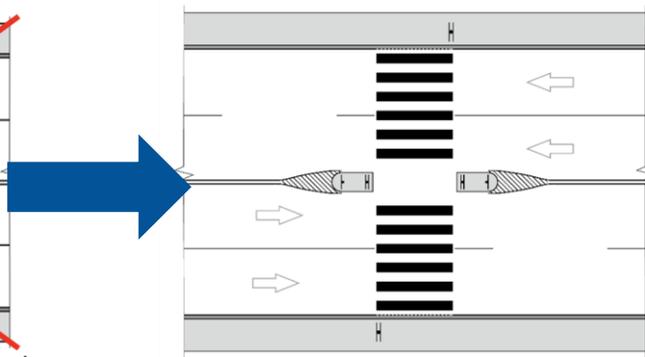


Rules for the organization of pedestrian crossing through roads and streets

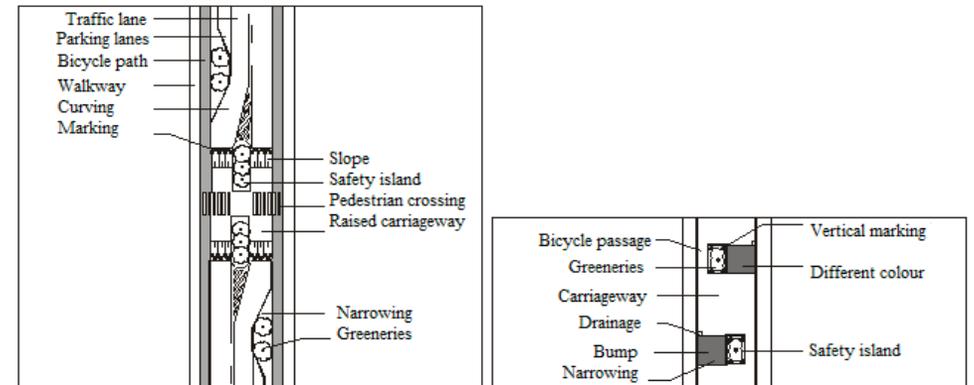
Improper installation of a pedestrian crossing on a 4-lane street



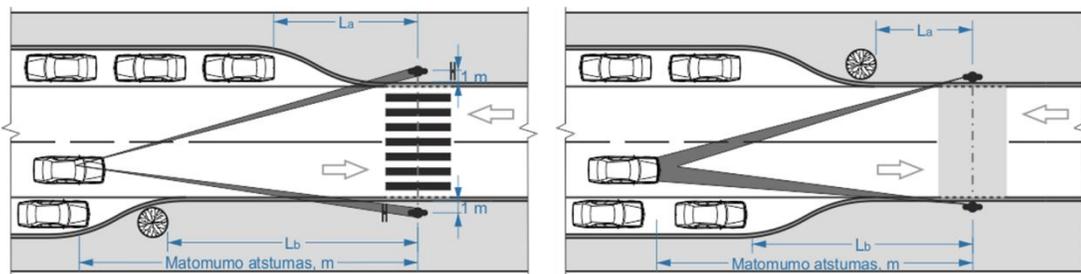
Pedestrian crossing on a two-way 4-lane street with a prominent safety island



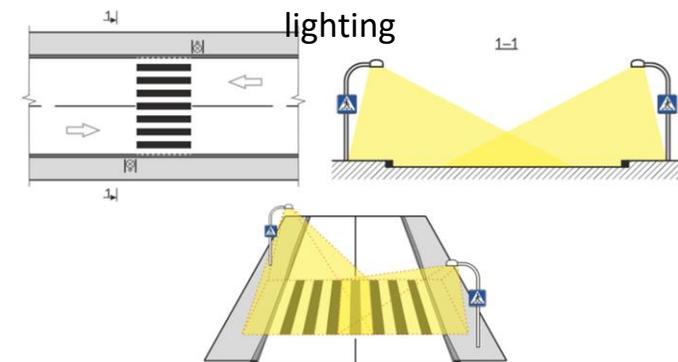
Combination of curving, carriageway narrowing, bumps, pavement of a different color and greeneries



Ensuring visibility and obstacle-free zones at unmarked crossings and pedestrian crossings where the width of the carriageway is the same



Example of installation of directional pedestrian crossing lighting



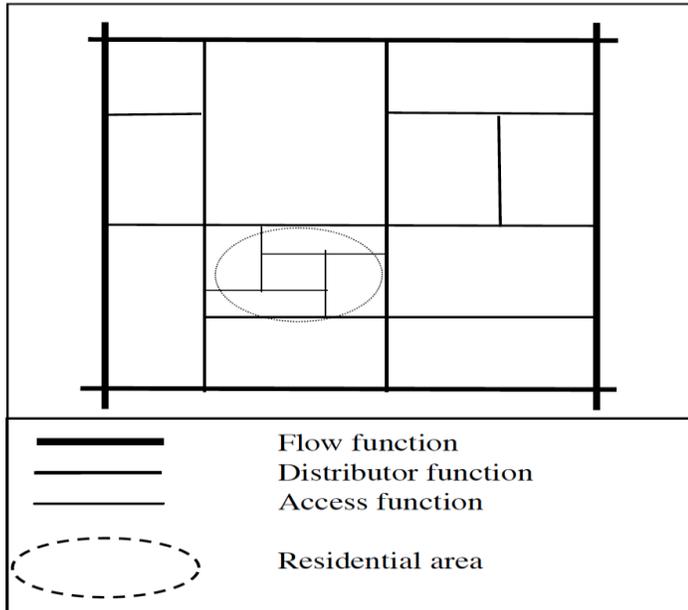
R ISEP 10 recommendations on the design and use of engineering traffic safety measures

- Principles of **road network planning**
- Principles of use of **speed reduction measures**
- Principles of **road junctions planning**
- Principles of **speed cameras installation**
- Principles of **lighting installation**
- Principles of **guardrails installation**
- Principles of **pedestrians' and bicyclists' infrastructure planning**
- Principles of **road signs installation and horizontal marking**
- Principles of **ITS implementation**
- Principles of **road maintenance**



Principles of road network planning

Road functions



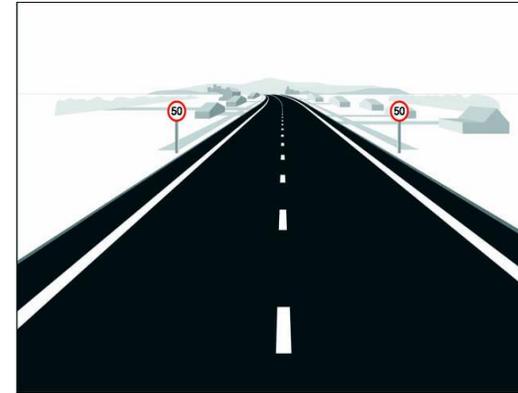
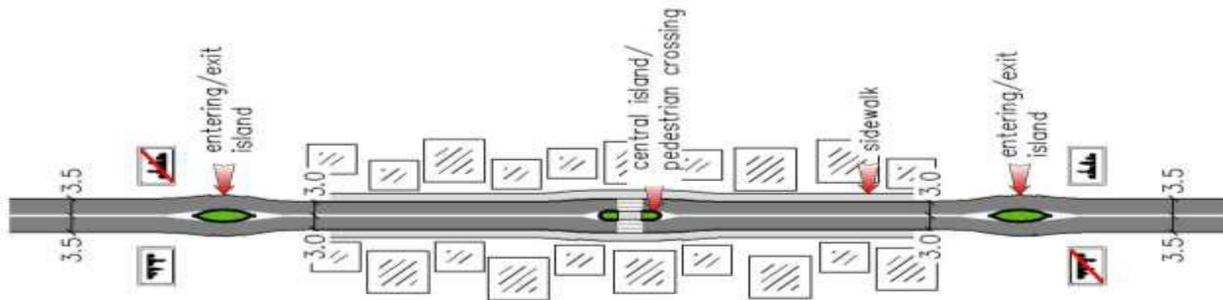
Recommended distances between accesses

Road function	Shortest distance between accesses ¹ , m
Transit	5000 (highway) – 1000 (2 lane transit road)
Distribution	500
Local	100

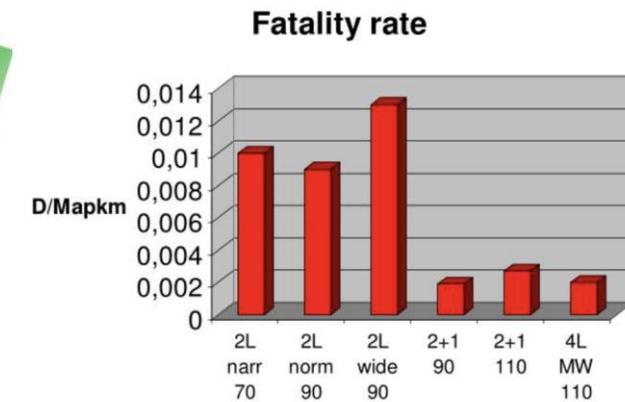
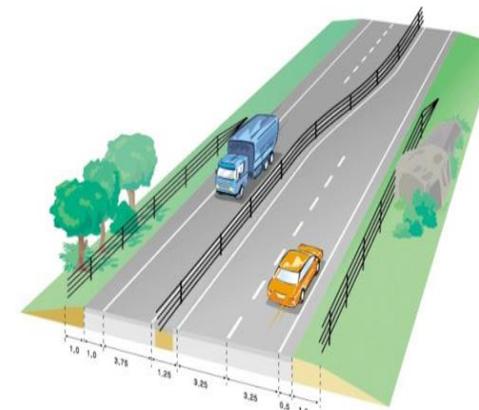
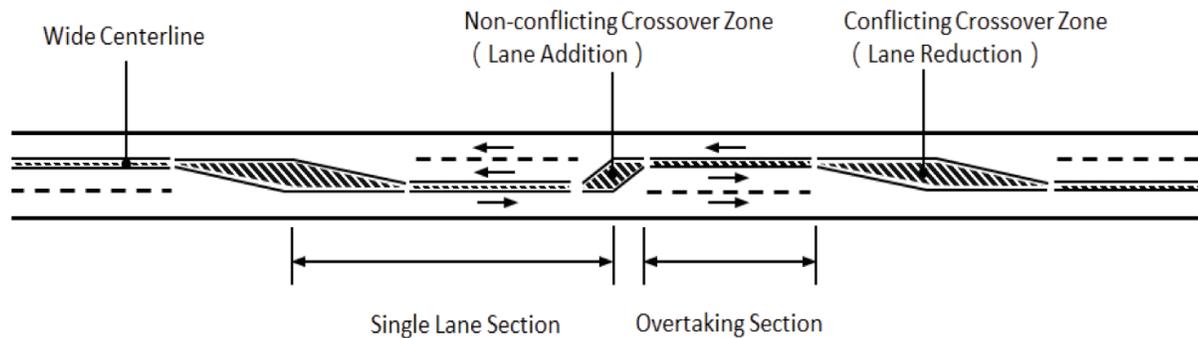
Characteristics	Purpose of roads				
	Transit			Distribution	Approach
Traffic quality level	Very high	High	High	Average	Minimal
Permitted speed v, km/h	$v \leq 110/130$	$v \leq 100/110$	$v \leq 90$	$v \leq 90$	$v \leq 90$
Road users	Prohibited pedestrian, bicycle, horse harness, tractor traffic and traffic of other low-speed vehicles		Pedestrian, bicycle, horse harness, tractor traffic and traffic of other low-speed vehicles are not recommended	Prohibited pedestrian, bicycle and horse harness traffic (when the average annual daily traffic intensity AADTI > 10 000 cars/day)	Pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the pavement itself
Minimal number of one-way traffic lanes	≥ 2		$\geq 1^1$	≥ 1	≥ 1
Parking lane	obligatory	obligatory ²	non-obligatory	non-obligatory	non-obligatory
Separation of opposing traffic	Centre line and/or restraint		Centre line or horizontal marking	Horizontal marking	Horizontal marking
Junctions	Only at different levels	Only at different levels ³	At different and same levels	At different and same levels	At the same level
Turning places	No turning places at one level		Not recommended	Allowed	Allowed
Descents	No junctions with local and district roads ⁴	No junctions with local and district roads ^{4,5}	No junctions with secondary roads (when AADTI > 10 000 cars/day); limited descents ⁶	No junctions with secondary roads (when AADTI > 10 000 cars/day); limited descents ⁶	Slightly limited descents ⁷
Bus stops	Not arranged	Not arranged ⁸	Not recommended	Arranged	Arranged

Visible difference between rural and urban area 2+1 roads instead of wide 1+1

The rural road layout changes while entering to urban area



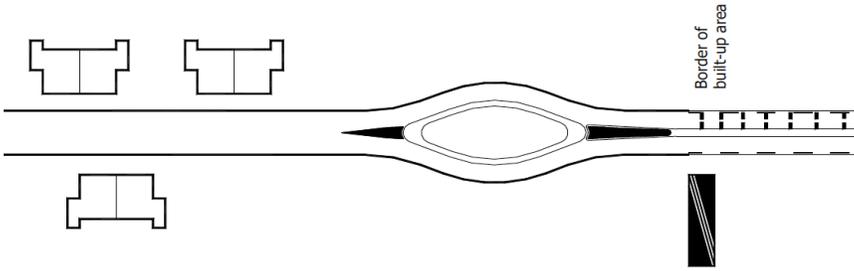
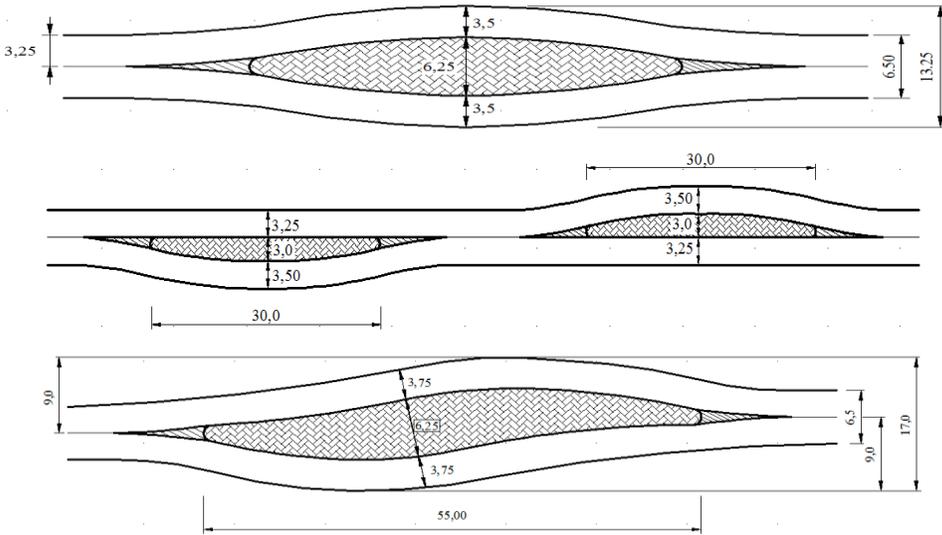
2+1 roads approval and reconstruction of wide 1+1 roads



Install 1+1 road sections when possible and improve of left turns on 2+2 roads (mostly close)



City gates/islands for all area changes



Recommended measures considering a road/street category and permitted driving speed

Type of a measure	Street category	Stipulated speed, km/h		
		≥ 70	$70 > v^1 > 40$	≤ 40
Warning signs	A, B, C, D	A, B ₁	B ₂ , C, D ₁	D ₂
“City gate”	A, B, C, D	A, B ₁	B ₂ , C, D ₁	D ₂
Elevated speed reduction measures (bumps, elevated junctions)	B, C, D	B ₁ ²	B ₂ ³ , C, D ₁	D ₂
Curving of a carriageway	B ₂ , C, D	–	B ₂ , C, D ₁	D ₂
Curving of a carriageway with an elevation area	C, D	–	C, D ₁	D ₂
Narrowing of a two-lane road using separation islands	(B ₂), C, D	–	(B ₂), C, D ₁	D ₂
Narrowing of a carriageway (from one or both sides)	C, D	–	C, D ₁	D ₂
Narrowing of a carriageway to one traffic lane (from one or both sides)	D ₂	–	–	D ₂
Combination of horizontal speed reduction measures with vertical ones	(C), D	–	(C), D ₁	D ₂
Safety islands	(A), B, C, D	(A), B ₁	B ₂ , C, D ₁	D ₂
Roundabouts	B, C, D	B ₁	B ₂ , C, D ₁	D ₂
Pedestrian crossings	B, C, D	–	B ₂ , C, D ₁	D ₂
Arrangement of green zones	A, B, C, D	A, B ₁	B ₂ , C, D ₁	D ₂
Road signs and marking	A, B, C, D	A, B ₁	B ₂ , C, D ₁	D ₂
Traffic lights	(A), B, C, D	(A), B ₁	B ₂ , C, D ₁	D ₂
Fences, barriers, studs	A, B, C, D	A, B ₁	B ₂ , C, D ₁	D ₂
Mirrors	C, D	–	C, D ₁	D ₂
Electronic devices	A, B, C, (D)	A, B ₁	B ₂ , C, (D ₁)	(D ₂)
Pedestrian and bicycle paths	B, C, D	B ₁	B ₂ , C, D ₁	(D ₂) ⁴

$v^1 = 50$ km/h;

(A), (B₂), (C), (D) – can be used in exceptional cases;

² – pedestrian and bicycle traffic is possible at a marked path of a carriageway;

³ – only elevated junctions can be used;

⁴ – only trapezoidal bumps and elevated junctions can be used.



Wide use of speed reduction measures

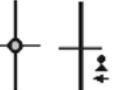
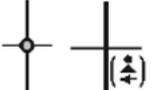
Recommended distances between speed reduction measures depending on the permitted speed

Permitted speed, km/h	Distance between speed reduction measures, m	
	Good	Satisfactory
50	200–400	401–600
30	100–200	201–400

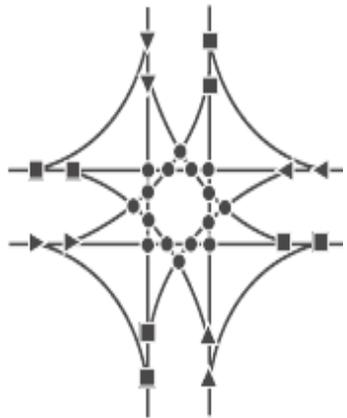


Types			
Speed bump			
Speed	Length, m	Height, mm	
20 km/h	425	50	
30 km/h	900	50	
Sinusoidal			
Speed	Length, m	Height, mm	
20/h	2000	80	
	3400	120	
30/h	3500	80	
	4800	120	
50/h	6000	80	
Plato			
Speed	Length, m	Height, mm	Incline, %
20 km/h	3000-5000	80-120	1:6-1:10
30 km/h	3000-5000	80-120	1:10-1:15
50 km/h	3000-5000	80-120	1:20-1:30

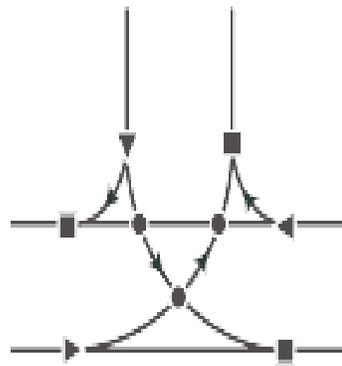
Principles of junctions' type selection

Side road \ Main road	Transit function	Transit function	Transit function	Transit function	Distribution function	Access function
Transit function					Remarks:  - Traffic lights with left turn lane  - Possible traffic lights with left turn lane	
Transit function						
Transit function						
Transit function						
Distribution function						
Access function	-	-	-	-		

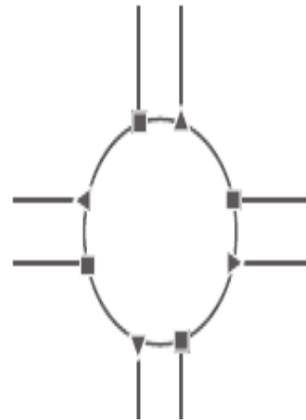
Use modern roundabout as main layout of the junction



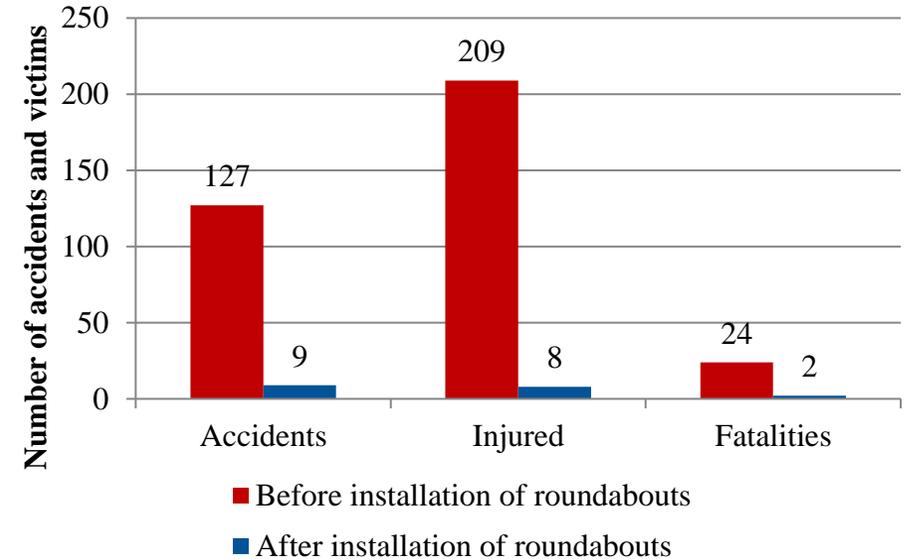
Four leg junction
32 conflict points



Three leg junction
9 conflict points

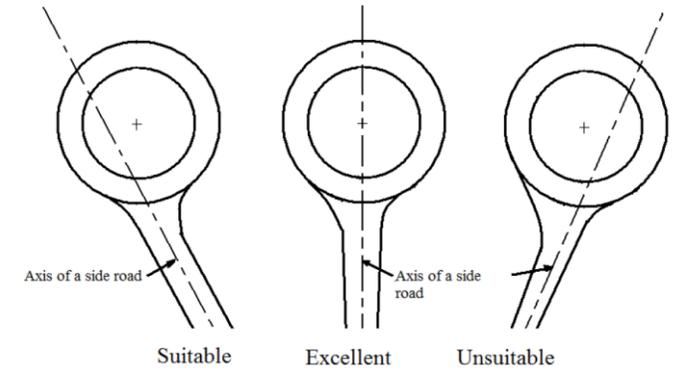
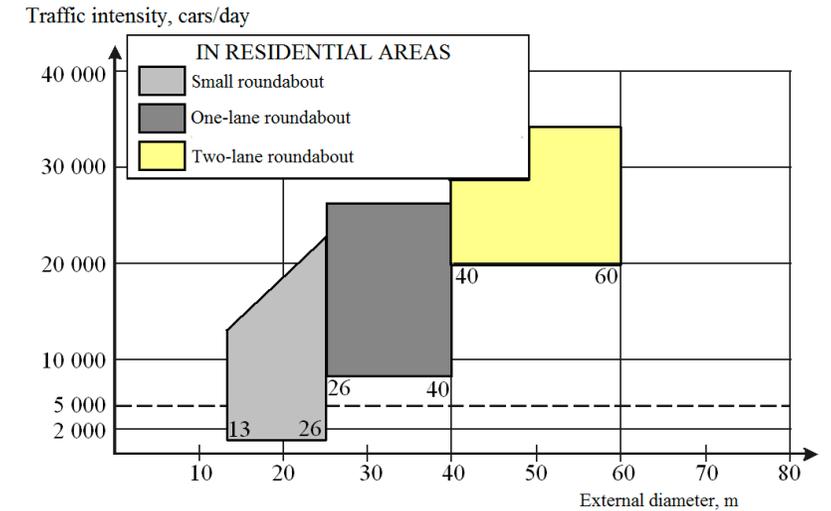


Roundabout
8 conflict points

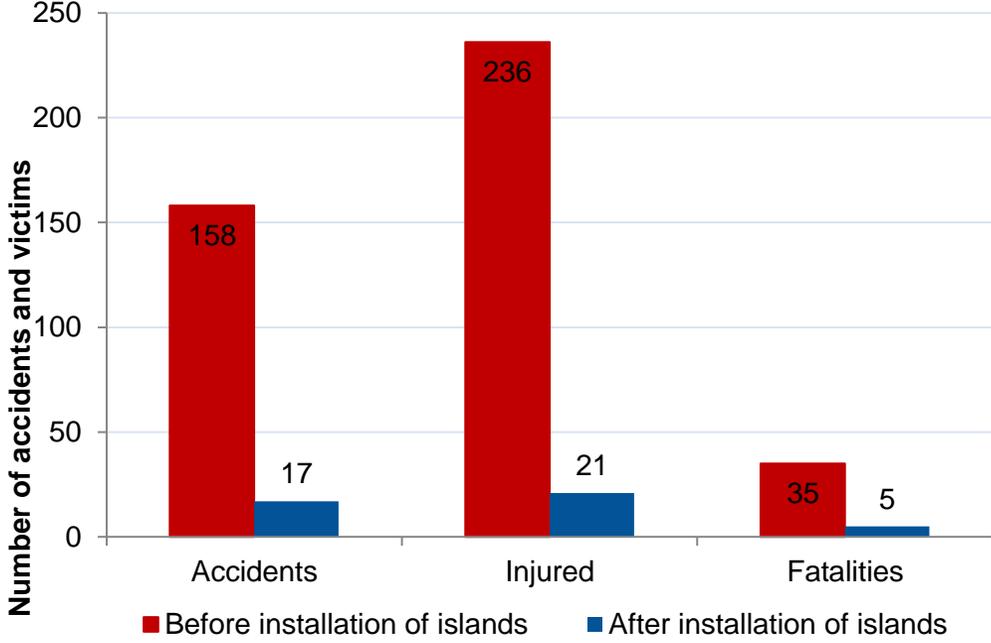
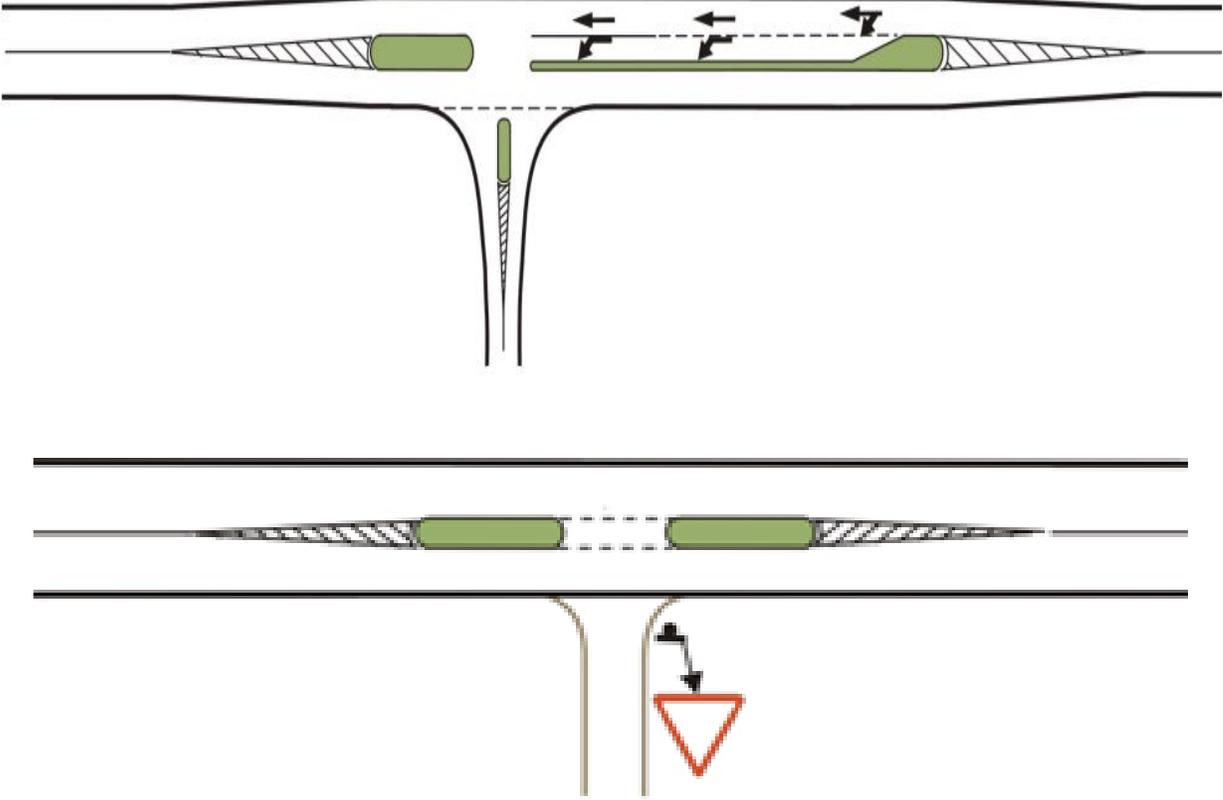


Type	Change after installation, %
Accidents	- 92,91
Injured	- 91,67
Fatalities	- 96,17

Use modern roundabout as main layout of the junction

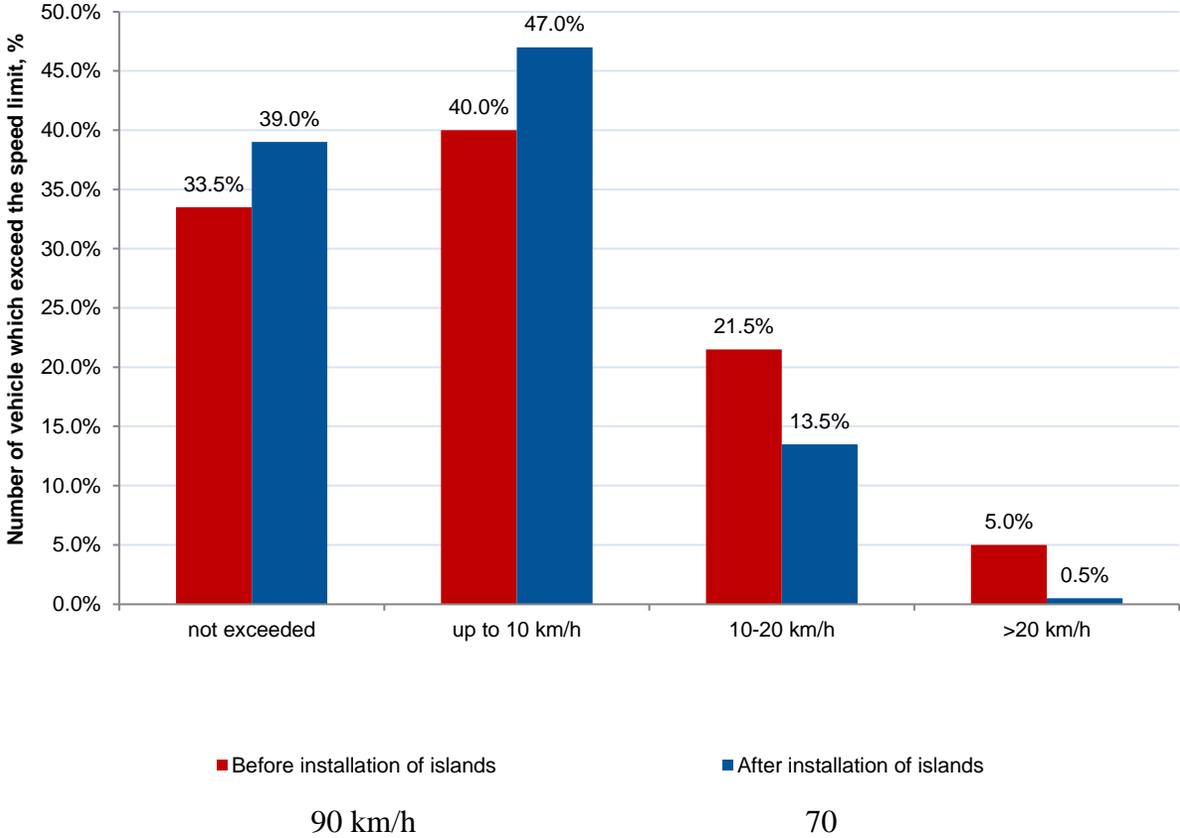


Traffic islands for all junctions

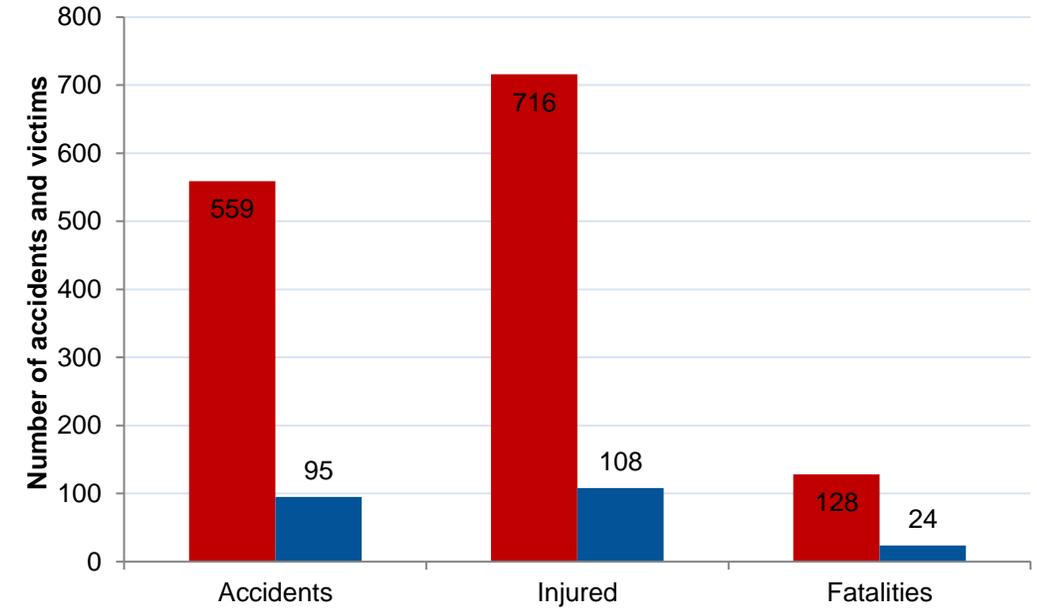


Type	Change after installation, %
Accidents	-89,2
Injured	-91,1
Fatalities	-85,7

Traffic islands for all junctions



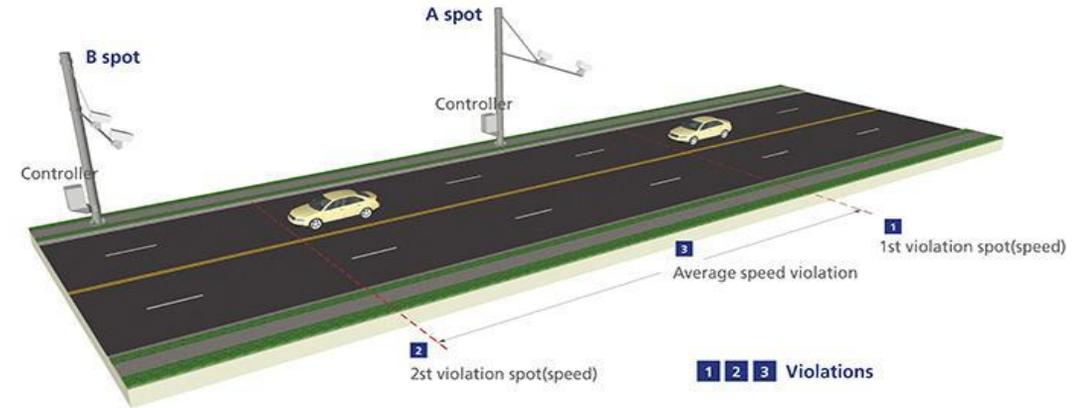
Cover all road network with speed cameras



■ Before installation of speed cameras ■ After installation of speed cameras

Type	Change after installation, %
Accidents	-83,0
Injured	-84,9
Fatalities	-83,3

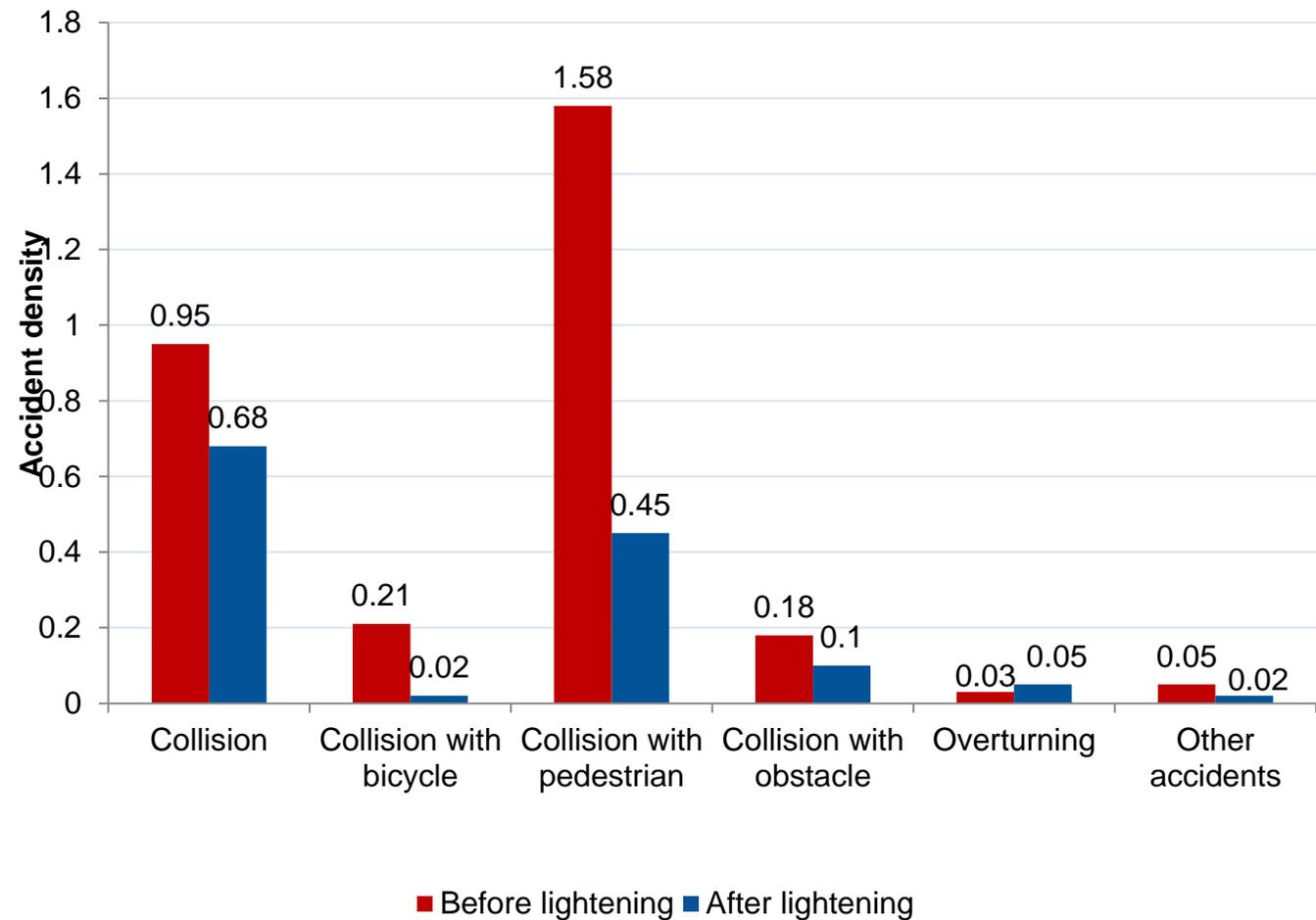
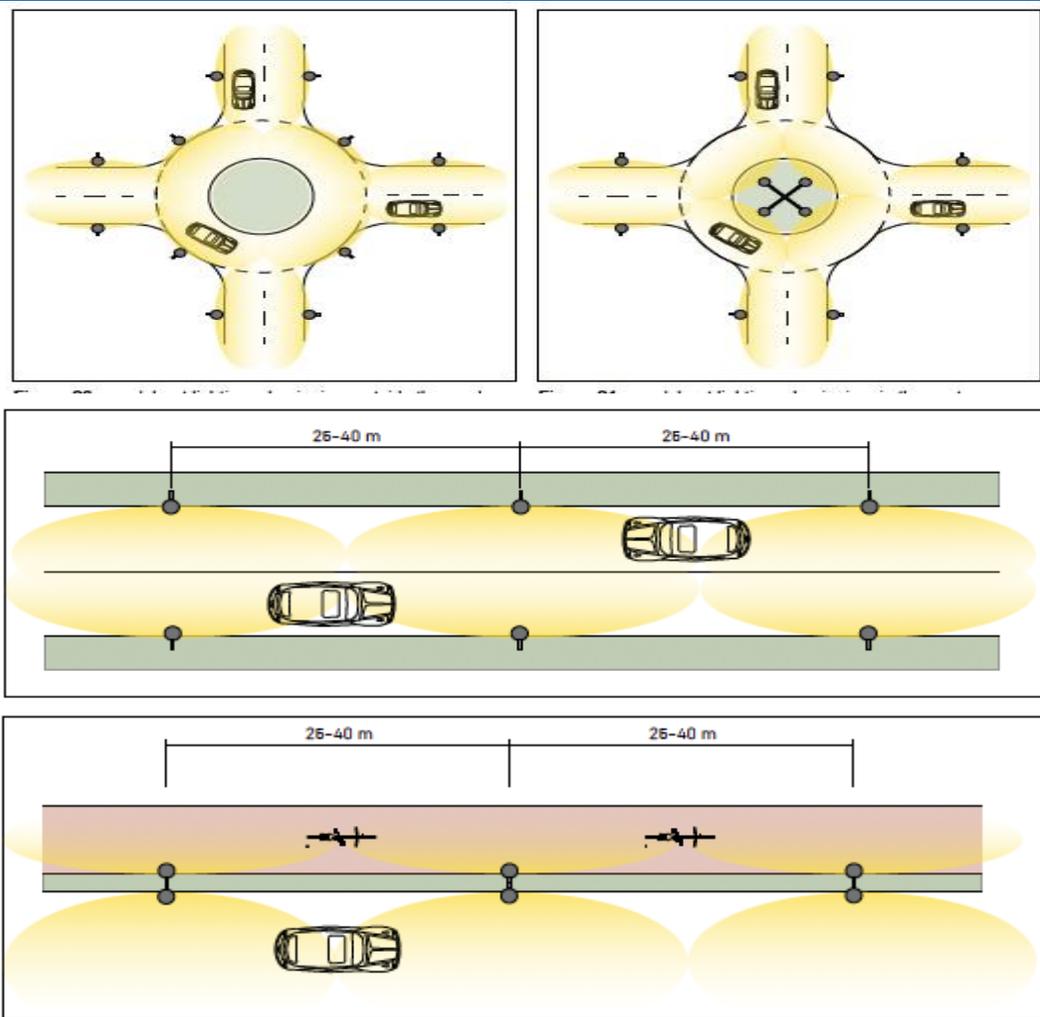
Cover all road network with average speed cameras



$$\frac{\text{Distance between A spot and B spot section}}{\text{B spot time} - \text{A spot time}} = \text{Section average speed}$$



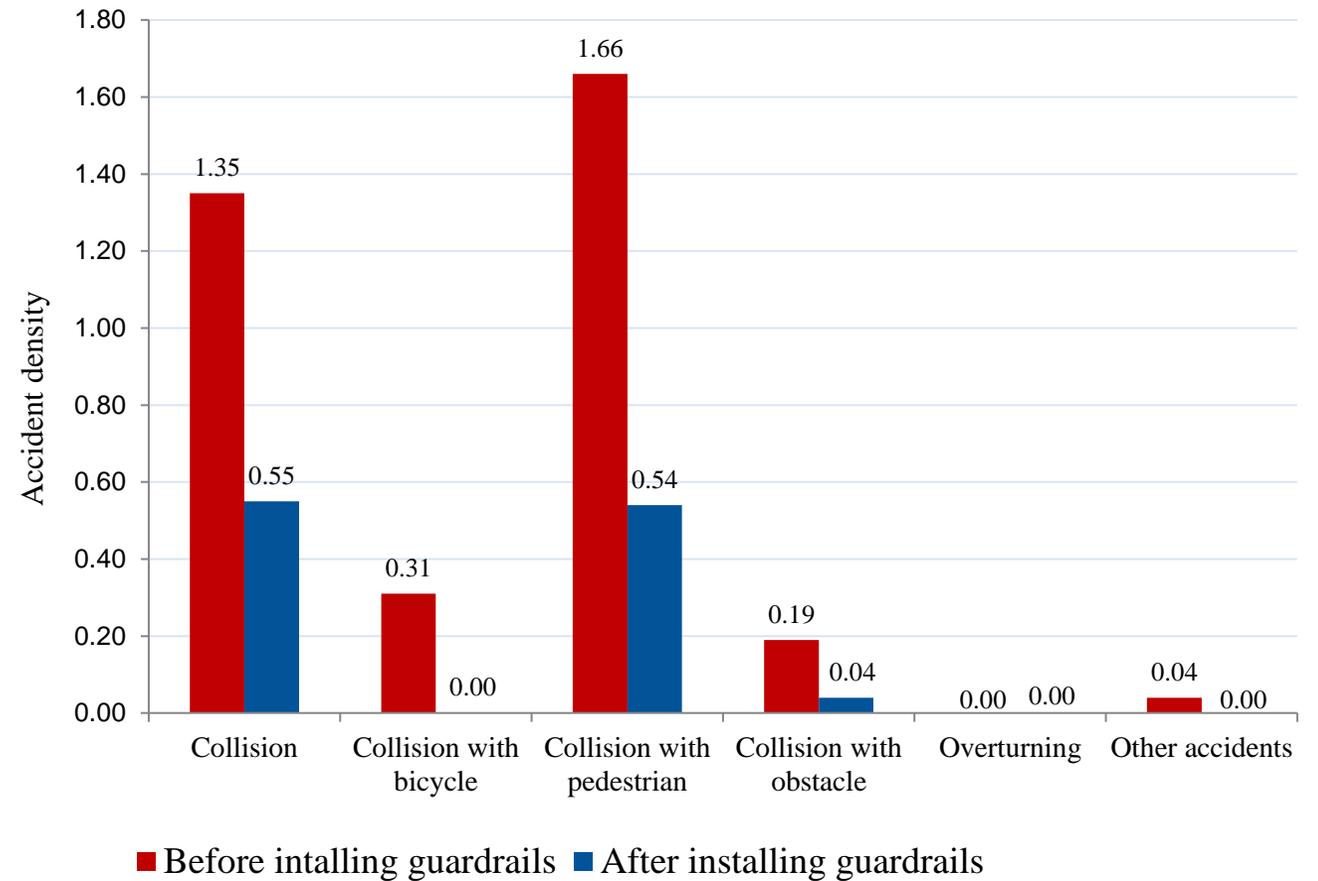
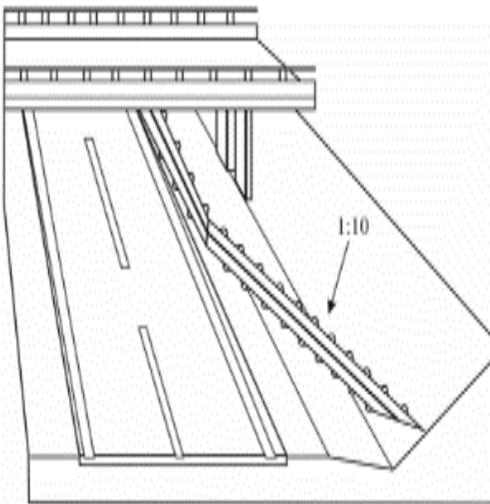
Install lightening in all dangerous points



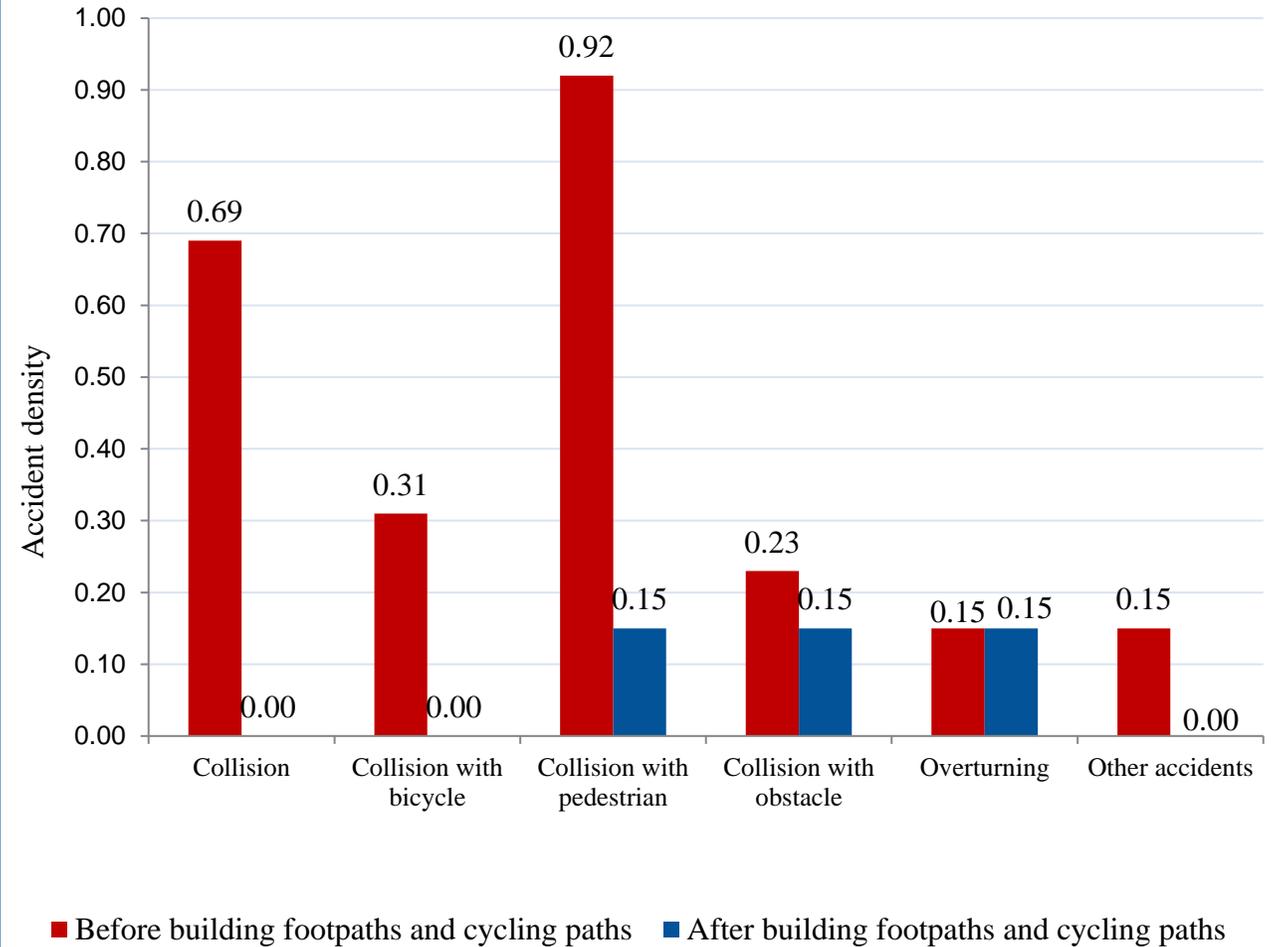
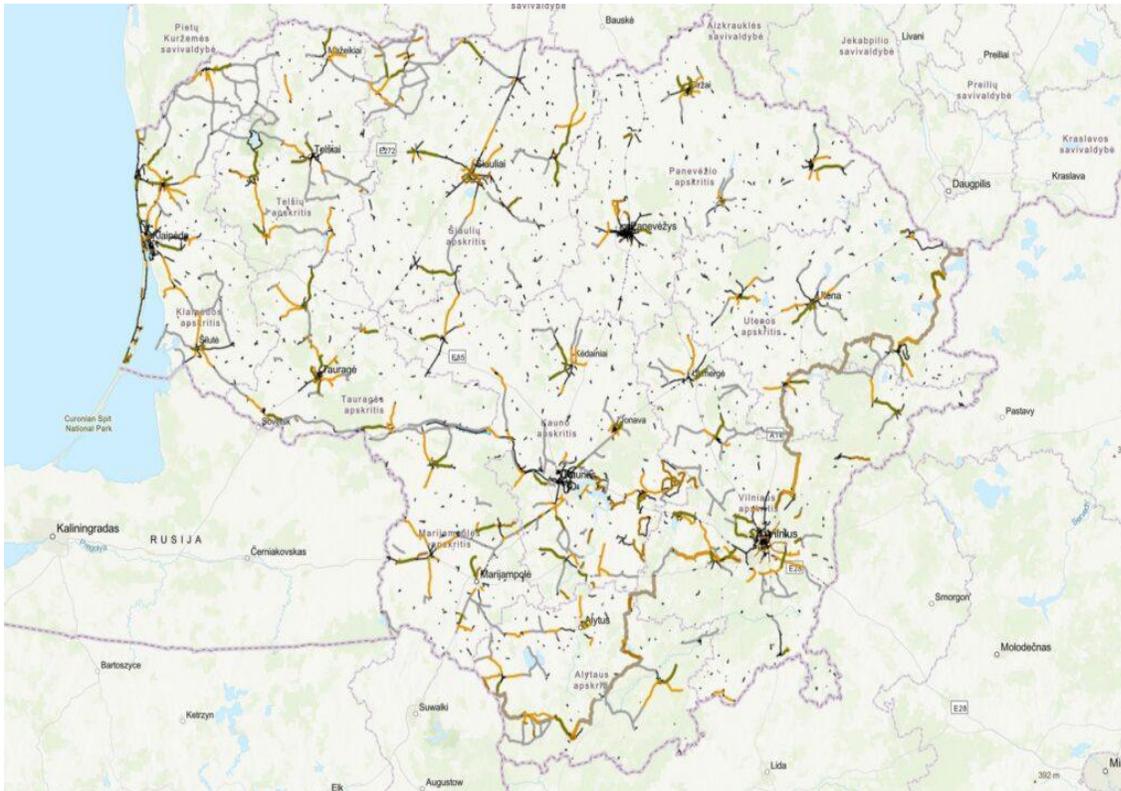
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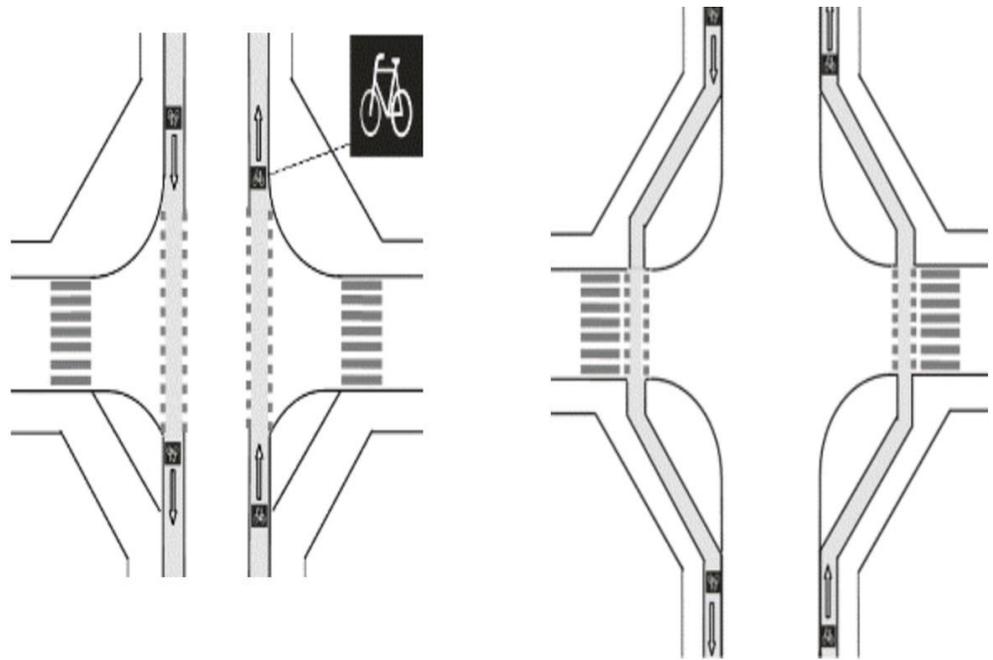
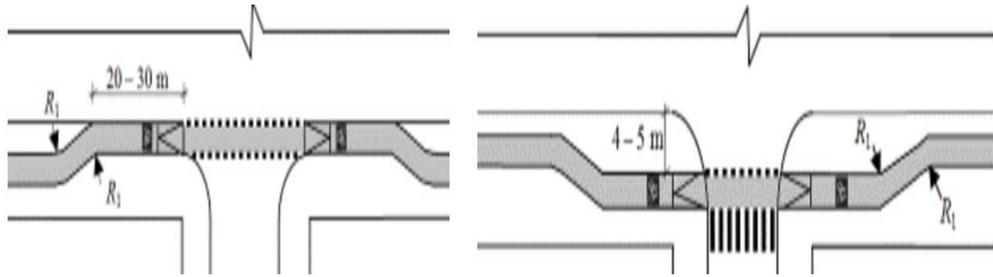
Install guardrails in all dangerous points



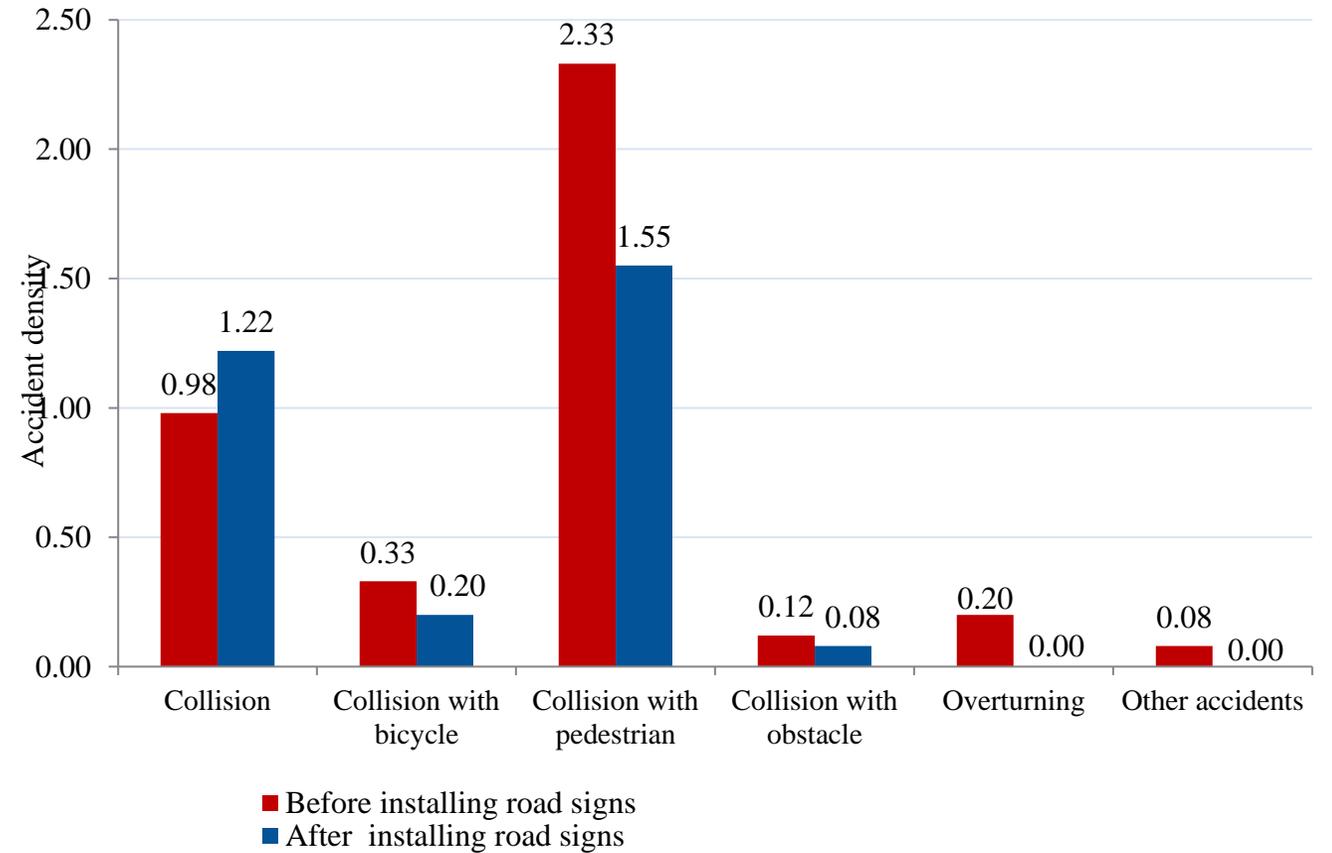
Extend/build new pedestrian/bicycle users' infrastructure



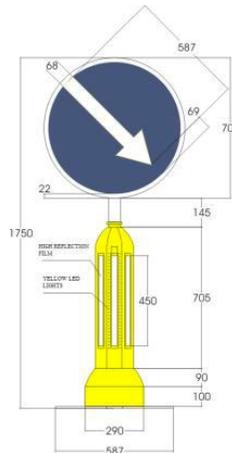
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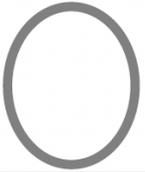


Use of only needed road signs



Signs should be very good visible



Form of a road sign	Dimensions of a road sign in use, mm	Recommended speed, km/h
	3600x1500	70–90
	4000x2000	70–90
	6000x2500	> 90
	3000x2000	70–90
	4000x2000	70–90
	6000x2500	> 90

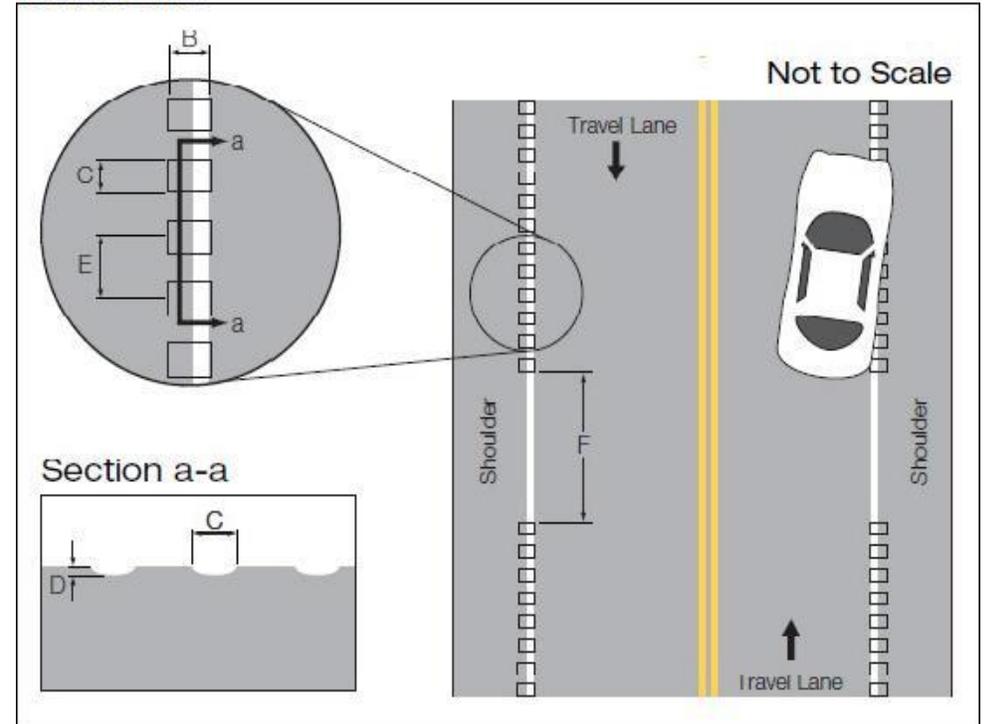
Best quality horizontal road marking all year round



Install rumble strips where possible



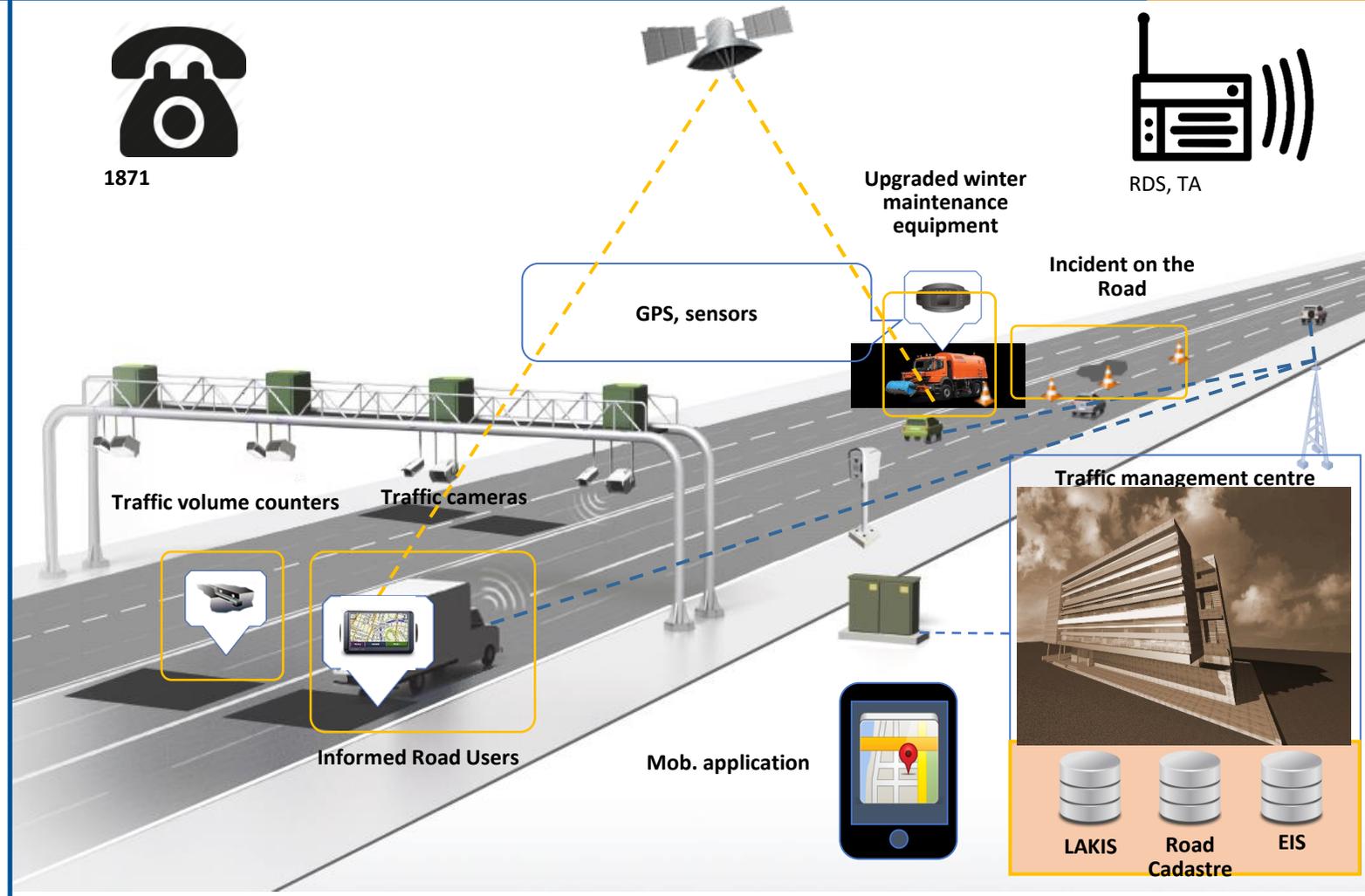
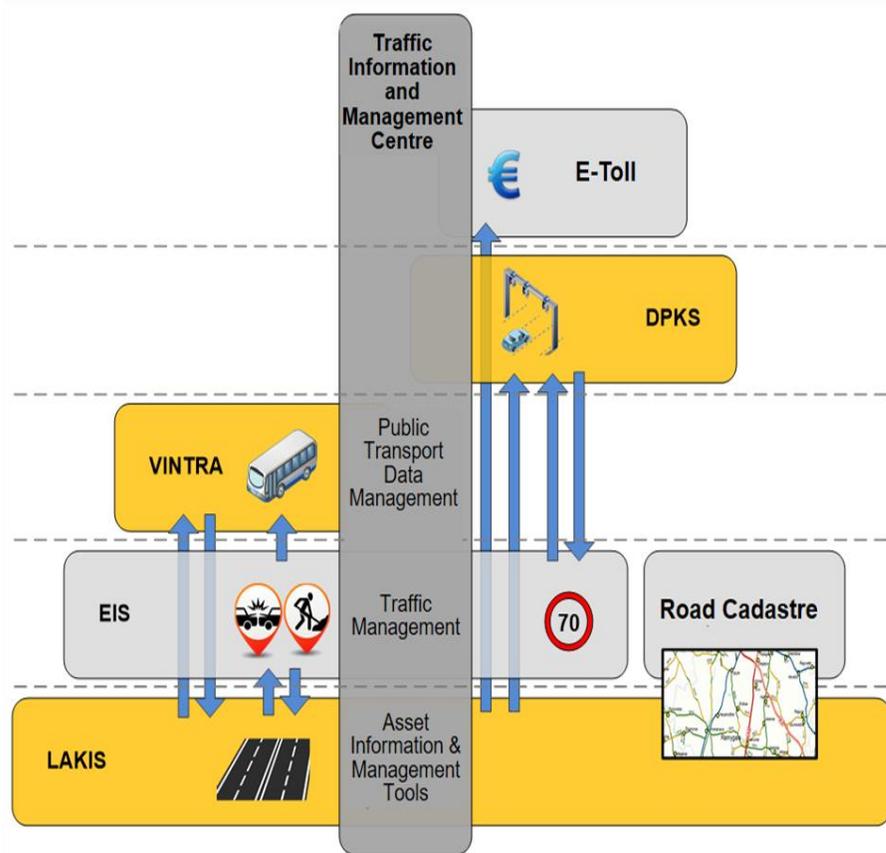
Note: No "A" Distance



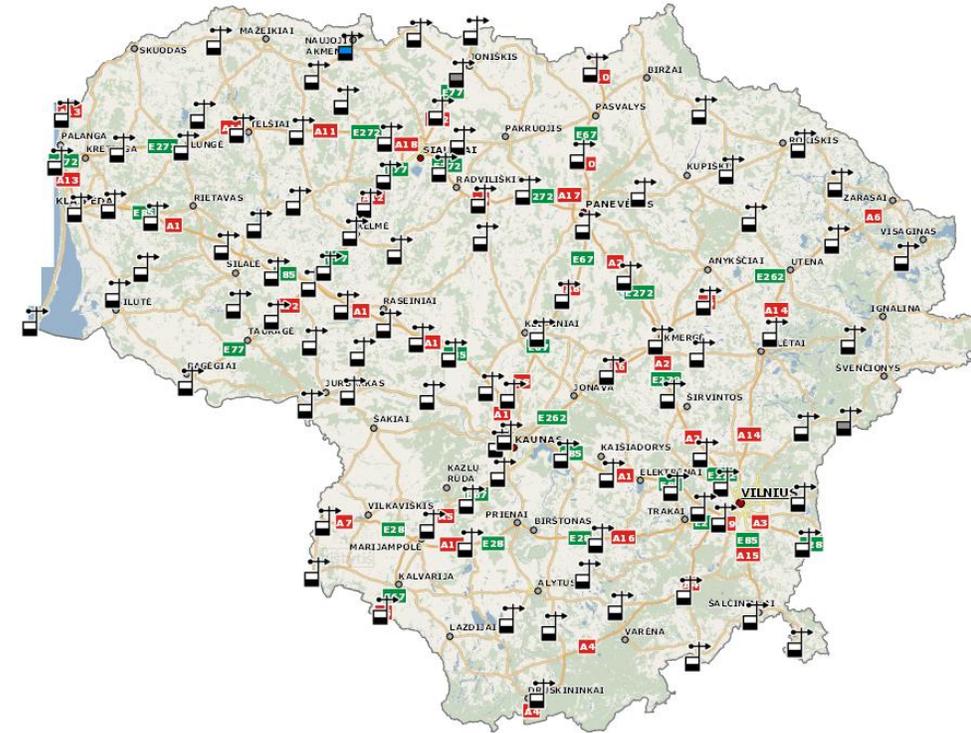
Legend

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|-----|-----------------------|---|----------|---|---------------|
| → | = Direction of Travel | B | = Length | E | = Spacing |
| ooo | = Rumble Strip | C | = Width | F | = Bicycle Gap |
| A | = Offset | D | = Depth | | |

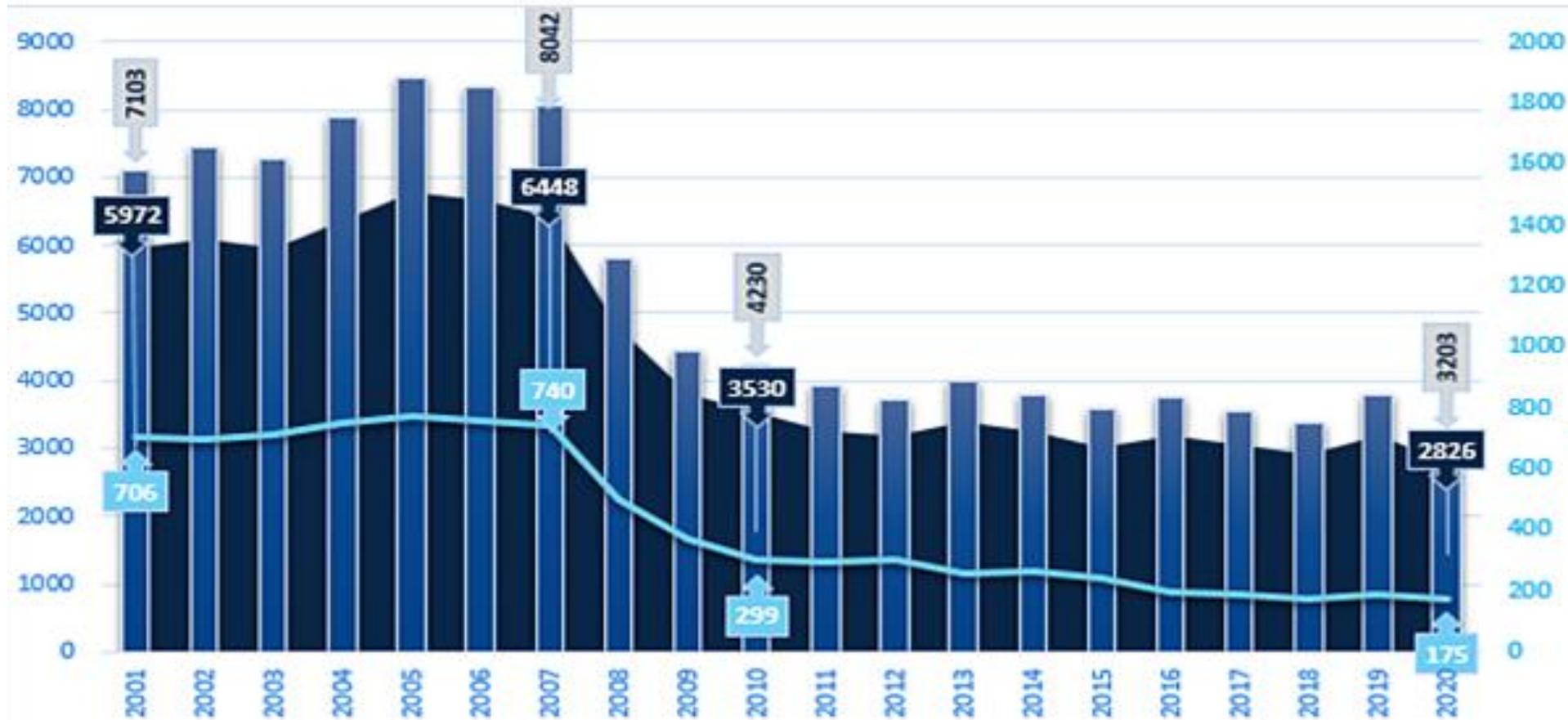
Fastened ITS legislation adaptation and implementation



New standards to ensure best quality road maintenance



Hard work results led to success story and a lot of saved lives



- 58%



EC PIN award in 2012

Thank You!

