

Project: *State Route 97- Belleville, Ohio
Corridor Study*

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Description:

This safety study has been prepared at the request of K.E. McCartney and Associates, Inc. on behalf of the Village of Belleville. The study area has been limited to a 0.60 mile section of SR 97 which is located within the Village of Belleville, Richland County. The subject section includes the IR 71 and SR 97 interchange and is bounded by Kocheiser Road to the west and Alexander Road to the east.

The Richland County Regional Planning Commission (RCRPC) is the local metropolitan planning organization for the Richland County area. The RCRPC maintains a database of crash information for all roadways, both rural and urban, which are located within Richland County. The RCRPC utilize the crash database to develop an annual prioritized list of roadway segments and intersections which are experiencing a high frequency, rate and severity of crashes.

A 5.73 mile section of SR 97 within the Village of Belleville was identified as a high crash roadway segment and was ranked #23 on the 2007-2009 RCRPC prioritized listing for Richland County. This 5.73 mile segment of SR 97 experienced 116 crashes for the three year period from January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2009. This was the only roadway in the Village of Belleville that was ranked on the RCRPC prioritized listing. As such, this 5.73 mile section of SR 97 is the number one priority for the Village.

To address the highest percentage of crashes within this 5.73 mile segment of SR 97, the crash data was analyzed to identify "target" rich areas where high densities of crashes are occurring. By focusing on these areas, the highest reduction in crashes can be realized.