



Improving safety at pedestrian crossing - Okulickiego street in Cracow

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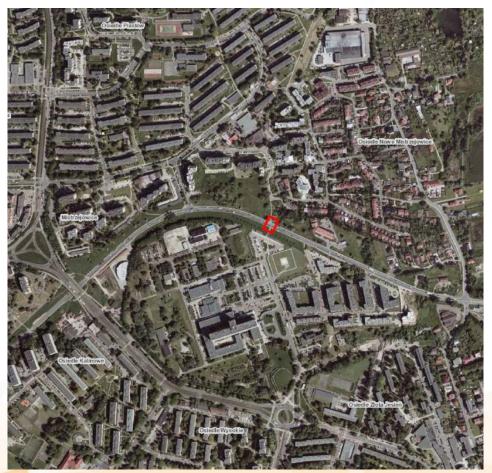
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Crosswalk localization

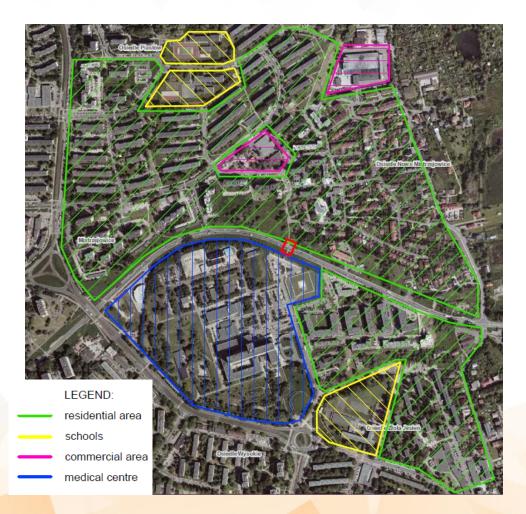


- Located in Cracow (urban area)
- On two lane collector road
- Between two signalized intersections





Crosswalk vicinity



The crosswalk ensures connection mainly between residential and school areas, it is located next to bus stops

high pedestrian volume (including young road users)



















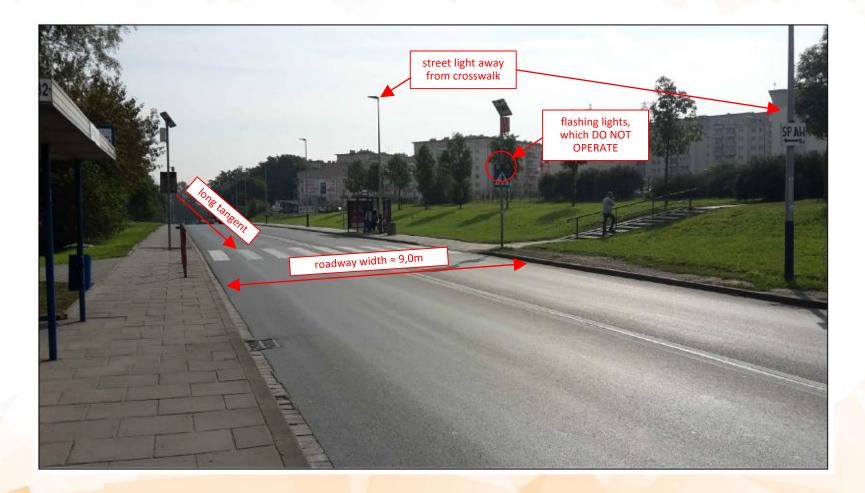




























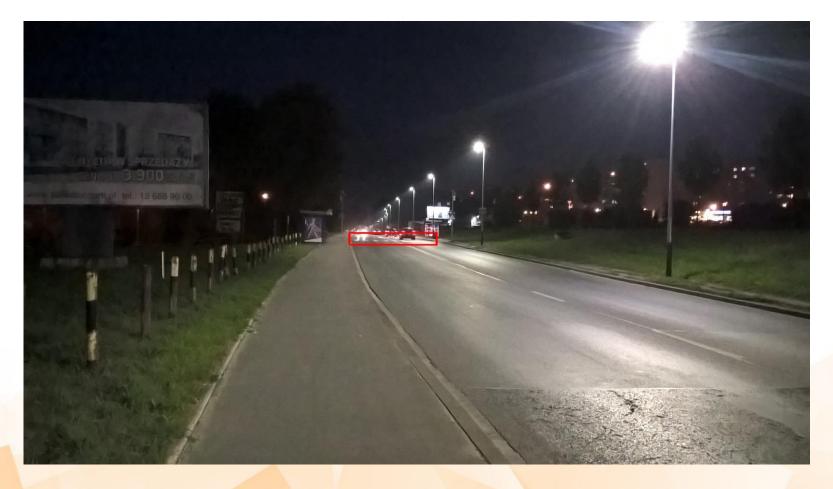
Elements, which can affect pedestrian safety

- Wide roadway, long tangent, development away from the road → high vehicles speed
- Street light away from crosswalk, flashing lights, which don't operate → poor crosswalk visibility at evening and night
- Bus stops on a lane, close to the crosswalk → visibility obstruction caused by buses





Poor crosswalk visibility at evening and night







Poor crosswalk visibility







Visibility obstruction caused by buses







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Assumptions for proposed treatments

The aim is to:

- improve crosswalk visibility,
- improve visibility for pedestrians,
- decrease vehicles speed,
- easy to implement, low cost but effective treatment.





Proposed treatment

a) now

b) proposed







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Strategy

- Collect accident data (up to december 2016)
- Make speed measurements (up to december 2016)
- Project consultations with specialists from our department (up to the end of 2016)
- Contact with local residents (up to the end of 2016)
- Organize meeting with children at local schools in cooperation with police officers (up to march 2017)
- Contact with road administration (up to may 2017)





Strategy

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:







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Possible difficulties

- Money road administration won't spend money on single pedestrian crossing, where there weren't fatal accidents
- Meeting with residents Polish mentality
- Drivers can object to this change





Alternative treatment







Alternative treatment







Effectiveness of refuge marked crosswalk (compared with ordinary marked crosswalk)

Type of crashes	Crash reduction	Reference
Pedestrian crashes	- 56	[1]
	- 46	[2]
Crashes with injured pedestrians	- 43	[3]
Crashes with injured drivers and/or passengers	+ 19	
All crashes with injured	- 25	

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