Project Description

The City of Philadelphia Department of Streets (COPDOS), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and SEPTA, is proposing improvements along Island Avenue to promote safe and efficient use of the corridor by all modes of transportation, consistent with the citywide Vision Zero Program.

Over the past five years there have been 158 reportable crashes within the project limits from Elmwood Avenue to Suffolk Avenue. Those crashes include 3 fatalities, 3 severe injury crashes, 178 people injured and 9 crashes involving pedestrians. The intersection of Island Avenue and Lindbergh Boulevard is especially problematic with regard to crashes and is being evaluated as part of this project.

Planned Corridor Wide Improvements

- Reducing congestion by upgrading traffic signals and improving signal operations
- Simplifying intersections and roadways
- Reducing pedestrian crossing distances
- Increasing landscaped areas
- Providing a shared trail for pedestrians and cyclists
- Upgrading pavement markings and street lighting

Limits of Work:
Island Avenue between Elmwood Avenue and Suffolk Avenue

Project Sponsors:
- City of Philadelphia Department of Streets
- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
- Federal Highway Administration

Public Open House #1:
May 2019

Public Open House #2:
December 2019

Design Complete:
February 2020

Construction Anticipated:
Fall 2020

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