

# Warning Signing Countermeasures:

## 1.B Advance Intersection Warning Signs

**Tried**

**CRF = 30% Urban**

**CRF = 40% Rural**

\*NCHRP 500, Objective 17.1  
E1 – Improve Visibility of  
Intersections by providing  
enhanced signing



# Warning Signing Countermeasures:

1. C. Enhanced Countermeasures for Intersections on Curves
  - Add Location of Side Roads

**Tried**

## Warning Signs:

- ☐ in General CRF = 25%
- ☐ for Curves CRF = 22%



# Warning Signing Countermeasures:

## 1.C Enhanced Warning Signing

- ❑ **Increasing Size of Sign 36" x 36" rather than 30" x 30"**

**Tried**

Oversize  
CRF = 15%

\*NCHRP 500, Objective 17.1  
E5 – Install larger warning signs at Intersections



# Warning Signing Countermeasures:

- 1.C Enhanced  
Warning Signing
- ❑ **Increasing Size  
of Sign by  
Mounting  
on Large  
Background**

**Tried**

Oversize  
CRF = 15%

\*NCHRP 500, Objective 17.1  
E5 – Install larger warning  
signs at Intersections



# Warning Signing Countermeasures:

## 1.D Enhanced Advance Warning for Right-of-Way Controls -“Doubling-Up”

“Double-Up”  
of Advance  
Warning Signs,  
Winston-Salem,  
NC

**Tried**

CRF= 31%





# Warning Signing Countermeasures:

## 1.D Enhanced Advance Warning Signing for Right-of-Way Controls – “Doubling Up”

“Staggered”  
Doubled-Up  
Stop Aheads



# Warning Signing Countermeasures:

## 1.D Enhanced Advance Warning Signing for Right-of-Way Controls – “Doubling-Up”



**2 Pairs of  
Doubled up  
Stop Aheads**

# Warning Signing Countermeasures:

## 1.E Flashers for Intersection Warning Signs

Stop Ahead  
with Flasher

**Tried**

**CRF= 25% to 28%**  
**All Crashes, \*Missouri HAL**  
**Manual, \*Bonneson**





# Warning Signing Countermeasures:

## 1.F Flashers for Intersection Warning Signs– **Be Prepared to Stop**

**Tried**

**29 – 67% reduction in  
RLR crashes,  
Bonneson  
73% decrease in  
Fatal/Injury angle  
crashes, SIG**



# Intersection Lighting Countermeasures

## 1. Lighting

- Installation of lighting of rural intersections reduced crashes by 25 to 50% - MN study
- Highest Benefit to Cost of any Safety Measure

NCHRP 500, Strategy 17.1  
E2-Improve Visibility of  
Intersection by Providing  
Lighting (P)

Proven



# Regulatory & Guide Signing and Markings

## Countermeasures:

1. Right-of-Way Control Signing
  - B. Visibility
- (Stop Sign in Island)

**NCHRP 500, Strategy 17.1 E3 – Install Splitter Islands on Minor Road Approaches**

Two Stop Signs



**CRF = 11% All Crashes**

**CRF = 36% Right Angle Crashes**

# Regulatory & Guide Signing and Markings

## Countermeasures:

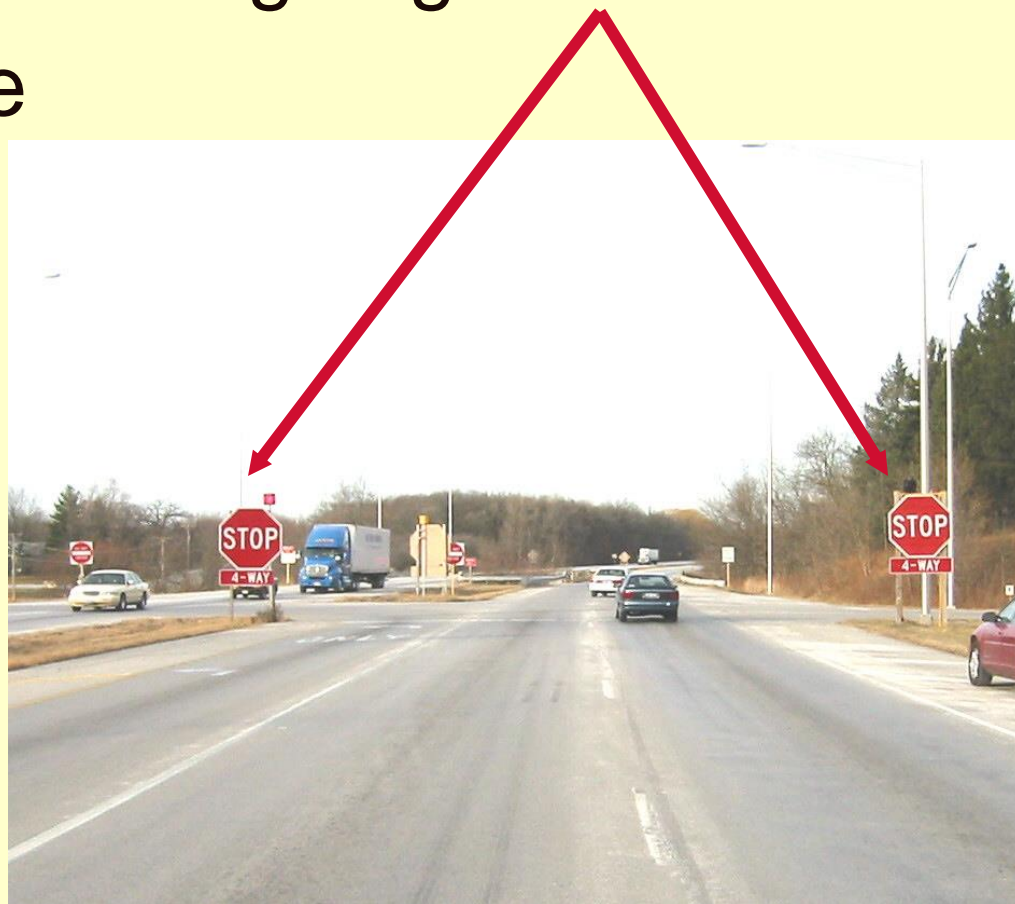
### 1. Right-of-Way Control Signing

#### C. Increase Size

❑ Oversized  
and “Doubled  
up” Stop  
Signs

**Tried**

\*NCHRP 500,  
Objective 17.1 E5 –  
Install larger  
regulatory signs





# Regulatory & Guide Signing and Markings

## Countermeasures:

### Plaques

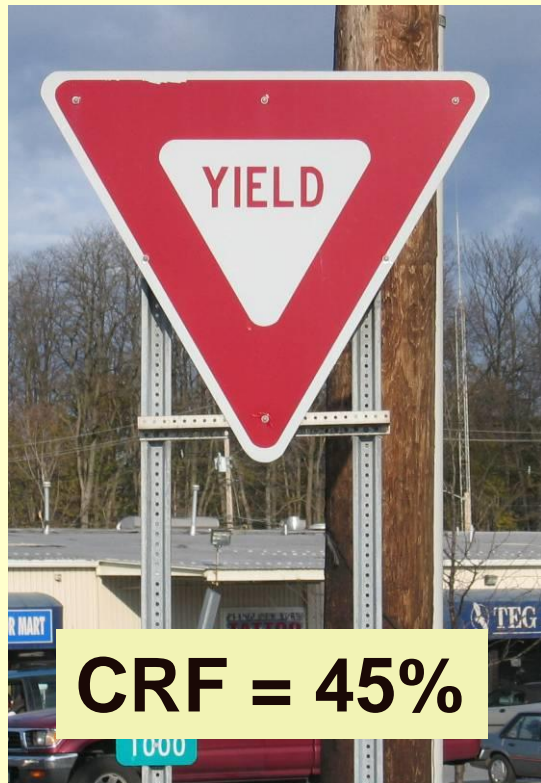


# Regulatory & Guide Signing and Markings Countermeasures:

## 1. Right-of-Way Control Signing

E. Install YIELD or STOP Control

**Tried**



**2-Way STOP CRF = 35%**

**\*Missouri HAL Manual**

# Regulatory & Guide Signing and Markings Countermeasures:

1. Right-of-Way Control Signing
  - F. Overhead Mounted Stop Signs

**Tried**

\*NCHRP 500,  
Strategy 17.1  
E8 –  
Overhead  
Mounted Stop  
Signs





# Regulatory & Guide Signing and Markings

## Countermeasures:

1. Right-of-Way Control Signing
- F. Stop Beacons

**Tried**

\*NCHRP 500,  
Strategy 17.1 E11 –  
Flashing Beacons at  
Stop-Controlled  
Intersections

STOP Beacon Mounted  
on Top of Stop Sign





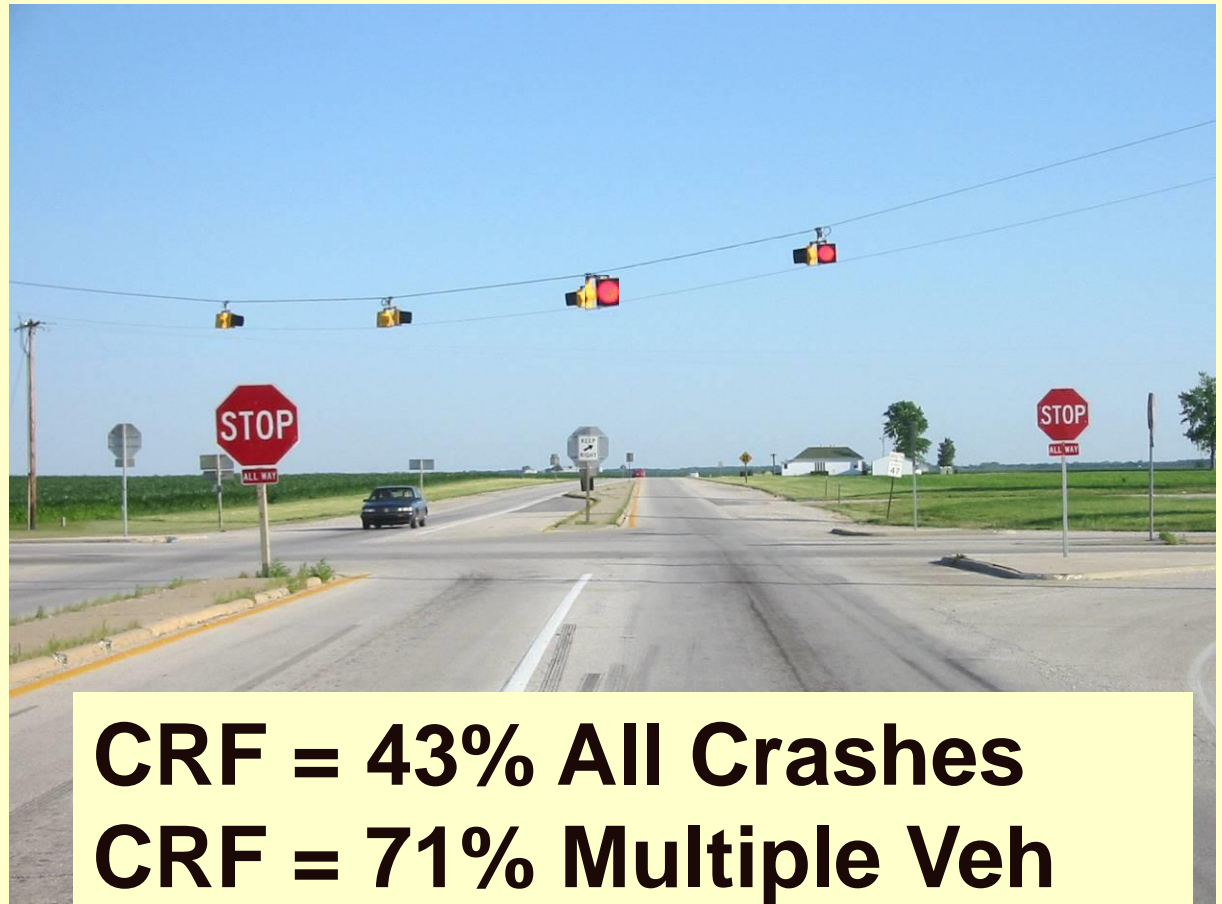
# Regulatory & Guide Signing and Markings Countermeasures:

## 1.F Stop Beacons

Overhead  
Simultaneous  
Flashing Stop  
Beacons

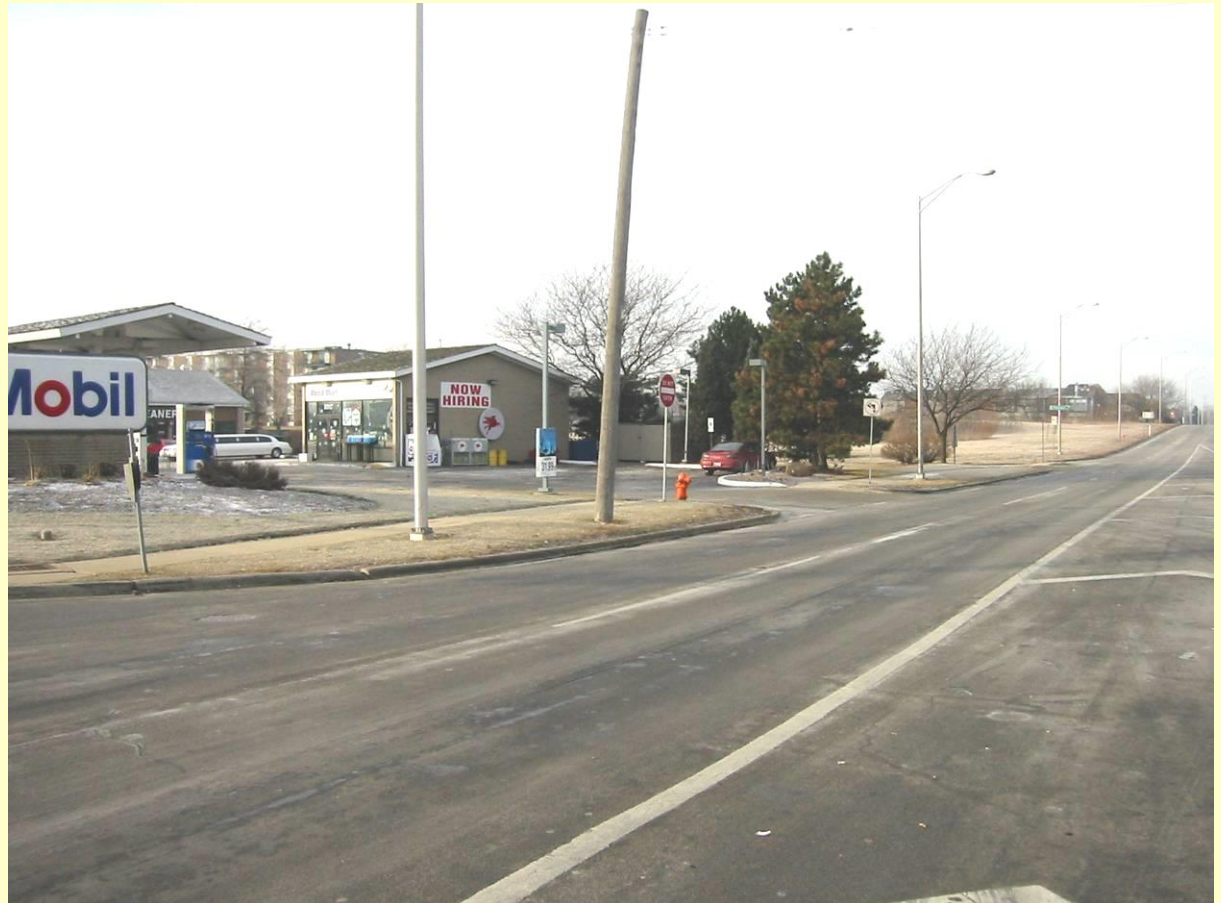
**Tried**

-Most  
Effective  
Application



# Regulatory & Guide Signing and Markings Countermeasures – Example:

**High Crash  
Location:  
62 crashes at  
Gas Station  
Driveway in  
18 months**



# Regulatory & Guide Signing and Markings Countermeasures – Example:

**Solution:  
Traffic  
Pylons on  
centerline**





## Intersection Safety Example:



**❑ Ohio – 90<sup>th</sup> Worst Intersection for State – 184 crashes in 3 years**



## Intersection Safety Example:

**Identify Underlying Crash Cause:**

☐ **AIRS Crash Data identified 85% of Crashes were Red Light Running**



**Apply two guiding principles for design and operation of an intersection:**

- ☐ **Clarify**
- ☐ **Simplify**

## **Intersection Safety Example:**

- ☐ **Removed 7 signs including 2 overhead guide signs from overpass**
- ☐ **Signal Heads Positioned over Lanes into Driver's Line of Sight**
- ☐ **Lowered signal heads on Mast Arms**
- ☐ **Added Supplemental Left Hand Signal**
- ☐ **Added Back Plates to Signal Heads**
- ☐ **Removed two street light poles**

## Intersection Safety Example:



☐ Ohio – Crashes reduced to total of 7 in 2 years

# New Technology and Low Cost Initiatives for Safer Intersections

*Questions?*

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