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COMPLETE STREETS

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MONTCLAIR'S HISTORY HELPS US CONTEXTUALIZE WHY OUR STREETS ARE AS THEY ARE TODAY AND GIVE US THE FOUNDATION FOR THE SAFER AND MORE INCLUSIVE FUTURE TO COME.

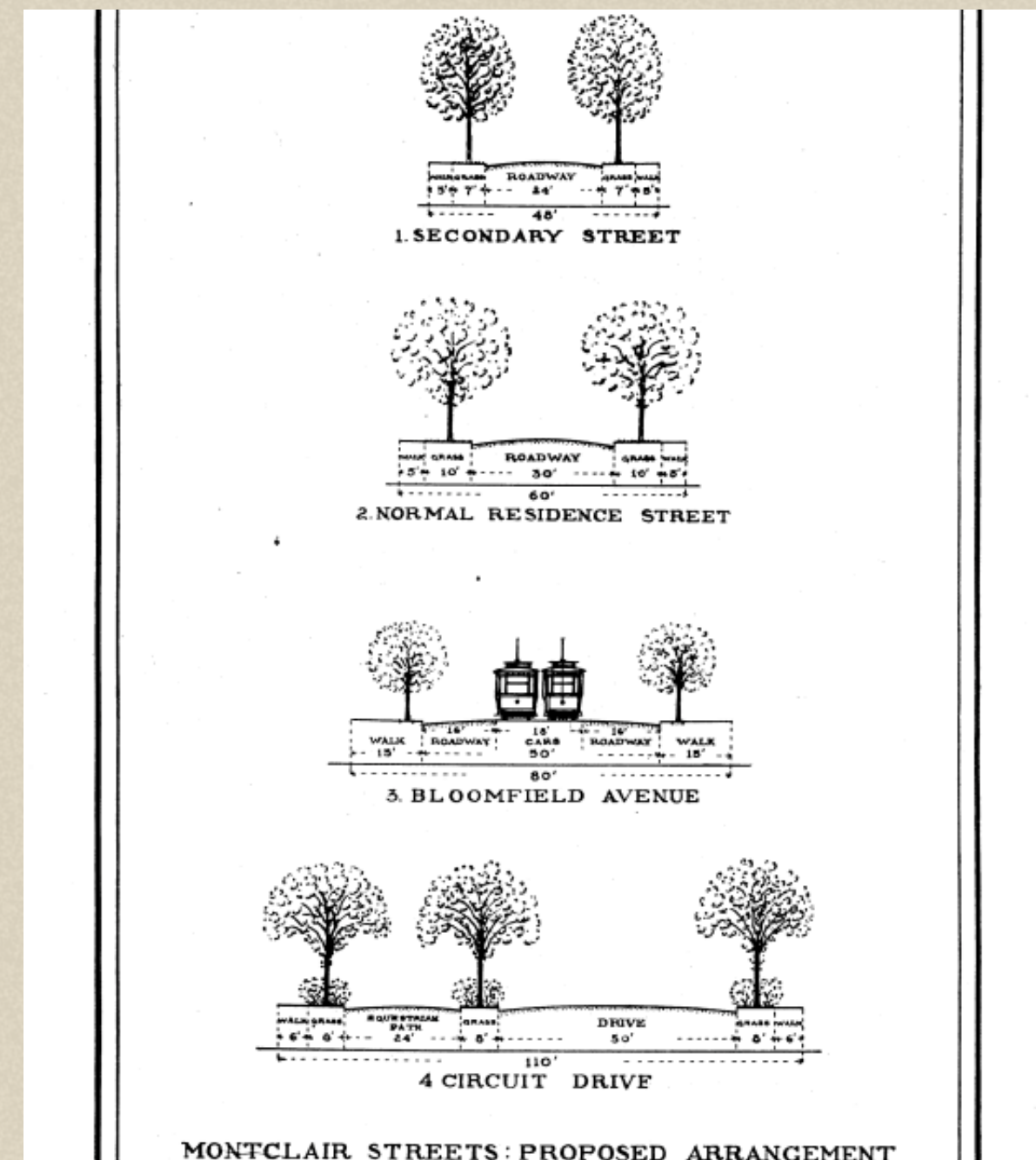


IT'S NOT THE CURBS, STRIPING, AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS THAT COMPLETE A STREET, IT'S THE CONSIDERATION OF ALL THOSE WHO USE THE STREET, NOT JUST THE CARS.



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FROM THE MONTCLAIR HISTORY CENTER COLLECTION

COMPLETE STREETS ARE NOT ONLY SAFER, THEY'RE MORE PLEASANT TO BE NEAR, MORE EFFICIENT AT MOVING PEOPLE, AND HELP BIND OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER



MONTCLAIR STREETS: PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT

COMPLETE STREETS ARE A RETURN TO WHAT MONTCLAIR'S STREETS USED TO BE. INTERMINGLED TRAFFIC, WHETHER IT BE STREET CARS, HORSES, OR PEOPLE ALL TOGETHER.

A COMPLETE STREET

FOUNDATIONS:

2004: BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN LOCAL ASSISTANCE STUDY

2005: BICYCLE COMPATIBLE ROADWAYS
BICYCLE SUITABILITY MAP

2007: DESIRED CONDITIONS SKETCH

2009: MONTCLAIR ADOPTS NEW JERSEY'S FIRST COMPLETE STREETS POLICY
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL BIKE NETWORK MAP

2012: BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY (BRONZE)
EAT. PLAY. LIVE... BETTER COMMUNITY SURVEY

2013: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL ACTION PLANS FOR 10 ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS
2013: PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL BIKE ROUTE NETWORK (2015 LAND USE AND CIRCULATION
ELEMENT)

2014: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY REPORT
MONTCLAIR SENIOR WALKABILITY REPORT
LIFELONG MONTCLAIR GUIDE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

2015: UNIFIED LAND USE & CIRCULATION ELEMENT
BLOOMFIELD AVE CORRIDOR PLAN
BLOOMFIELD AVE CORRIDOR HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT
MONTCLAIR REDEVELOPMENT PLANS
BLOOMFIELD AVE COMPLETE CORRIDOR BIKE NETWORK MAP

2016: PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN

2017: STREETS ARE FOR EVERYONE (SAFE) NETWORK PLAN (ADOPTED 2021)

WHY NOW

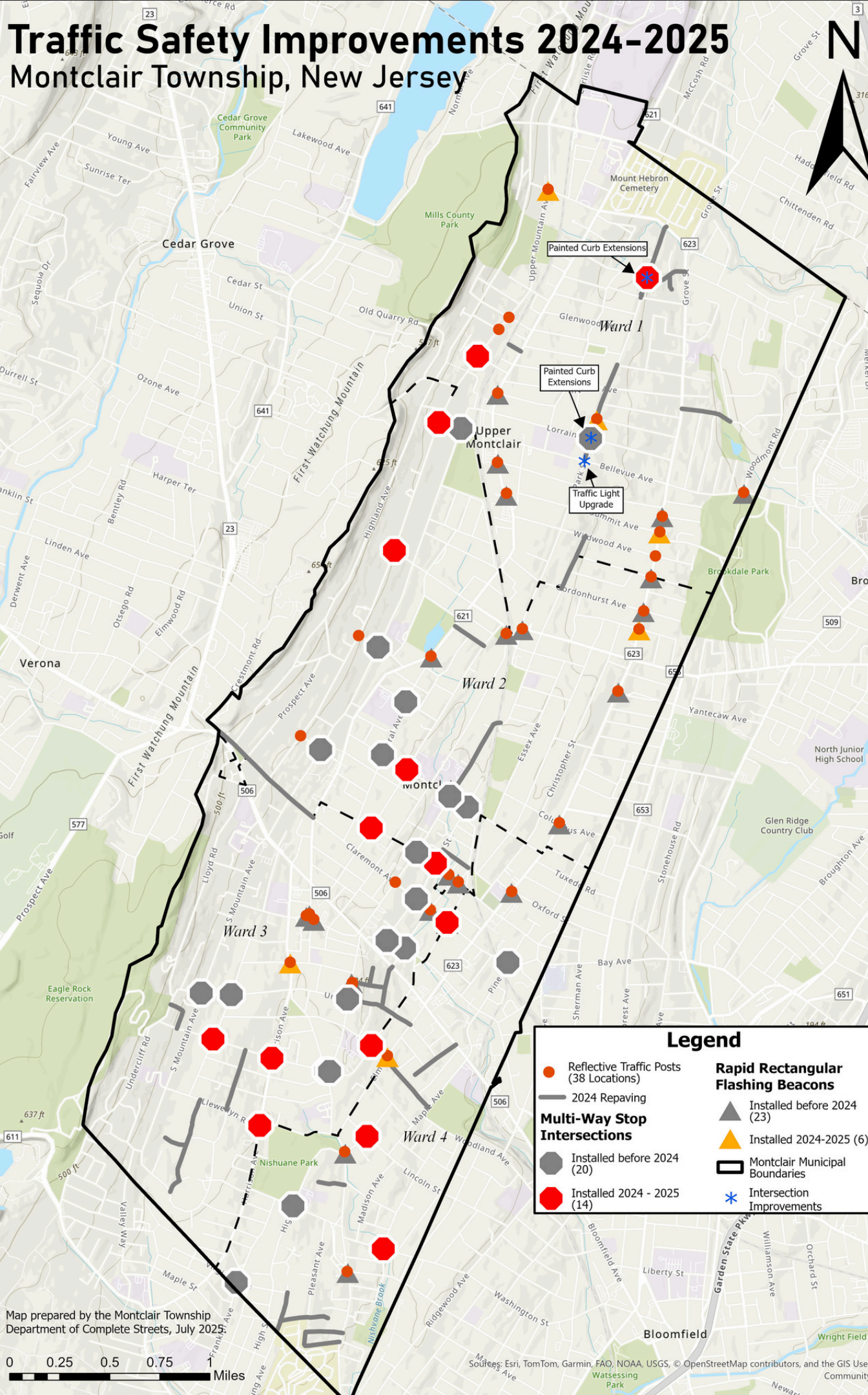
MONTCLAIR WAS THE FIRST MUNICIPALITY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ADOPT A COMPLETE STREET'S ORDINANCE. IT DID SO IN 2009. AS I'M SURE YOU CAN ALL SEE FROM WALKING, DRIVING, AND BIKING THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY THE STREETS REMAIN INCOMPLETE. FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, CHANGES IN DRIVER BEHAVIOR, CAR DESIGN, AND APPROACHES TO ENFORCEMENT, NEW JERSEY SAW A SHARP RISE IN TRAFFIC FATALIES, WITH PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS SEEING PARTICULARLY STEEP RISES IN SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH.

THESE TRAGEDIES REIGNITED EFFORTS, SOME MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN OTHERS TO REFORM HOW MONTCLAIR BUILDS, DESIGNS, AND USES ITS STREETS. THE TOWNSHIP CREATED THE VISION ZERO TASK FORCE IN 2023 TO FORMULATE A NEW, CURRENT APPROACH TO STREET SAFETY.



THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION FOR A SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT AND ASSOCIATED ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF A SAFETY ACTION PLAN. ADDITIONALLY IT LED TO THE ADOPTION OF THE REVISED COMPLETE AND GREEN STREETS ORDINANCE TO ENSURE THE TOWNSHIP'S COMPLETE STREETS EFFORTS FINALLY WENT FROM BEING WORDS ON A PAGE TO TOWNSHIP PRACTICE AND POLICY.

THESE EFFORTS ARE WHY I'M HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY, AND ARE TAKING SHAPE THROUGHOUT THE MUNICIPALITY'S STREETS WORK. I'LL HIGHLIGHT A FEW PROJECTS AND DISCUSS WHY MONTCLAIR WON'T LET THESE RECENT EFFORTS DIE ON THE VINE.



THE LAST FIVE YEARS

2022: GLENRIDGE AVE CYCLETRACK TO THE GREENWAY

2023: VISION ZERO TASK FORCE CREATED

SAFE STREETS FOR ALL GRANT RECEIVED

2025: COMPLETE STREETS ORDINANCE UPDATED

COMPLETE STREETS OVERSIGHT BOARD CREATED

COMPLETE STREETS DIRECTORSHIP & DEPARTMENT CREATED

DEVELOPMENT OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS AS PART OF THE LOCAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN

ESSEX HUDSON GREENWAY

GENERAL: GENERATIONAL CHANGE IN ADVOCATES

NEW GOVERNING BODY

CHANGING COMMUNITY (WE LIVE IN THE WORLD MIDTOWN DIRECT BUILT)

CHANGED COMMUTE AND WORK PATTERNS

NEW TECHNOLOGY

QUESTIONS?