New York State **Department of Transportation**

1995 Safety Study

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This study is the result of a concern by the state police relating to a high number of accidents at this location. The study area, located in the Town of Schoharie, Schoharie County, between RM 7 9504 1186 and RM 7 9504 1187 and between RM 7 9504 1887 and RM 7 9504 1888 was the scene of 14 accidents in the three years from 1/1/92 and 12/31/94. This is the intersection of NY 7 and NY 30A / Zicha Road.

The intersection is controlled by a red/yellow flasher, (yellow on NY 7, red on NY 30A and Zicha Road). There are also stop signs on NY 30A and Zicha Rd.

The total accident rate is 8.28 Acc'd/MVM compared with a state ave. of 2.76 Acc'd/MVM. The accident rate for the intersection is 2.13 Acc'd/ MEV compared with a state ave. of 0.38 Acc'd/MEV.

There was one fatality, five injury related accidents and eight property damage only accidents. The fatality was a right angle accident where a north bound vehicle on NY 30A failed to yield at the stop sign and pulled in front of a west bound vehicle on NY 7.

Of the 14 accidents, 11 were right angle accidents, 1 rear end due to backing, 1 animal related and 1 backing accident. Of the 11 right angle accidents, all 11 listed Failure to yield as a contributing factor.

The area has good sight distance in all directions and the flashing signal is visible for a long distance in each direction.

A review of the accident reports as also noted by the state police, revealed that an abnormal percentage of accidents involved people in the 50+ age group.

Following is a breakdown of the ages of those drivers who were listed as failed to yield:

	AGE G	ROUP	NUMBER IN	GROUP	PERCENT
	20 -	- 30	1		98
	31 -	- 40	1		98
	41 -	- 50	0		98
	51 -	- 60	4		36.48
	61 -	- 70	3		27.38
	71 -	- 80	2*		18.3%
*1	FATAI	L (age: 77)			

This is 81% of the right angle accidents were caused by drivers aged 51+ failing to yield.

Several right angle accidents involved drivers who stopped for the stop sign and then pulled out into into oncoming traffic.

There was one other fatal at this intersection that was out of our study period (6/9/95). It was a right angle accident and the vehicle failing to yield was driven by a 67 year old driver.

Pavement markings in the area range from good to poor. Center line markings are good and the stop bars are in poor condition. Zicha Road has no edge line markings.

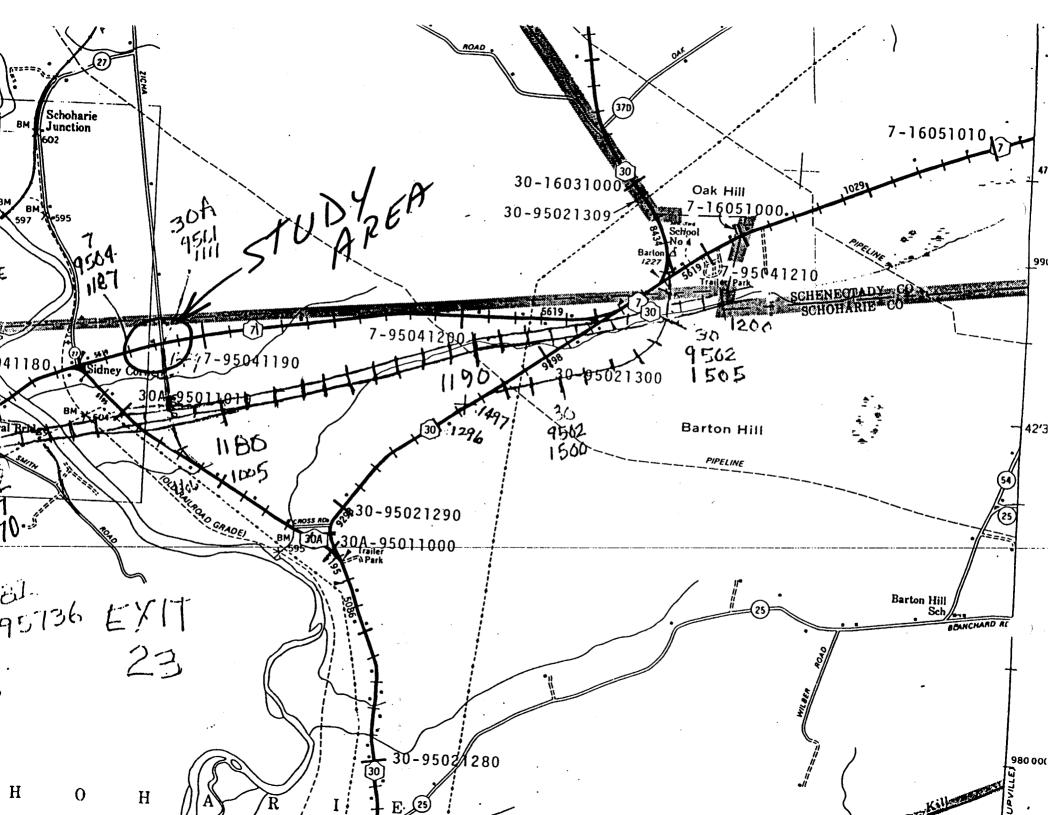
Repaint the stop bars on NY 30A and Zicha Road and paint the edge line on the approach from Zicha Road.

Further consideration is being given to installing a four way stop at this intersection.

Letter to resident engineer to repaint the stop bars.

The NYSP was contacted for review. If progressed, the signal crews will be requested to install the additional signal head and make the appropriate changes to the signal. The Schoharie residency will be requested to install the stop signs, stop ahead (with flags), and stop bars as necessary.

5/28/96 Addendum: Signing changes requested, see 5/23/96 memo to resident engineer.



GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET Summary For Study, Subarea, Accident Type HSIP # 955015 Location: Town of Schoharie NY 7 and NY 30A Reference Markers(s): RM 7 9504 1887 - 1888 Study Period: 1/1/92 to 12/31/94 (3 YRs 0 MOs) PIL List for 24 months ending 12/31/ Reduction Index Severity Weighted Ranking ____ N/A Regional Ranking ___ of ___ County Ranking ___ of ____

State Highway No.: 5619

■ Federal Aid System:

■ Functional Classification: Minor Arterial

■ Area Type: Rural

Previous PIL Lists (w/in last 5 years):

N/A

Previous HSIP Studies & Recommendations (w/in last 10 years):

N/A

PIL AADT:

AADT 4100 in 94 on Rt 7 to Rt. 30A
AADT 1440 in 94 on Rt 7 to Rt. 30
AADT ______ in ___ on

Speed Limit: 55

Geometry: Tangent on slight grade

No. of Roadways: 1

Lanes:

Width:

Condition: Good

Shoulders

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Condition: Good

Pavement Markings Type: pt -Condition: Good to poor

Intersections:

NY 30A (flasher)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND SAFETY DIVISION

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Period Years Months	From 1/1/92To /	2/3-/94	By L. Hull Date 2/96
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SYMBOLS		MAN	NER OF COLLISION
← M — Motorcycle ← [←→→→ Backing Vehicle ← Stopped Vehicle	— Pedestrain} — Bicycle□ Fixed Object○ Personal Injury● Fatal Injury	Rear-end Side-swipe Out of con Skidding Overturner	trol — Left-turn

ACCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET (Part A)

SUMMARY FOR STUDY, SUBAREA, ACCIDENT TYPE

955015

LOCATION: Town of Schoharie

REFERENCE MARKER(S): 7 9504 1887 - 1888

PERIOD 1/1/92 to 12/31/94 3 YRS 0 Months

Accident Type	No. of Accidents	Pavement	No. of Accidents
Rear-End	1	Dry (1)	10
Right Angle	11	Wet(2)	10 2
Left Turn		Muddy (3)	
Right Turn		Snow/Ice/Slush(4)	
Overtake/Lane Change		Unknown/Other(10)	
Sideswipe/Headon		·	
Parking Maneuver			
Miscellaneous			
Ped/Bicycle		Weather	
Animal	_1_		_
Fixed-Object		Clear(l)	<u>6</u> 4
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w/trees		Rain(3)	1
w/utility pole		Snow(4)	
w/ditch/embank.		Sleet/Hail/Fr. Ra	
w/		Fog/Smoke/Smog(6)	
w/		Unknown/Other (10)	3
Total	_14	Total	14
Approach Direction	No. of Accidents	Time of Day	
North		00 00 00	
South	<u>8</u> 4	00:00 - 06:00 06:00 - 09:00	
East	4	09:00 - 09:00	
West		11:00 - 13:00	2 2 2 3 3
Unknown	1	13:00 - 15:00	
		15:00 - 18:00	
Total	14	18:00 - 24:00	
Site Geometrics	No. of Accidents		
	NO. Of Accidents	Day of Week	Month of Year
Tangent	_14_	Sunday <u>1</u>	January <u>l</u>
Horizontal Curve		Monday 3	February
Vertical Curve	-	Tuesday	March 2
Intersection	_12	Wednesday 3	April
Light Conditions	No. of Accidents	Thursday 1	May <u>1</u>
Day (1)		Friday 4	June 1
Night(4,5)	8	Saturday 2	July 2
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FIELD REPORT

DATETIME				
OPERATIONAL CHECKLIST				,
Is there an accident pattern associated with:		No	Yes	N/A
1. Obstructions blocking the drivers' view of oppose vehicles?	sing	X		
2. Drivers responding incorrectly to signals, signs other traffic control devices?	s, or	<u>×</u>		
3. Drivers having trouble finding the correct path through the location?		<u>X</u>	********	
4. Inappropriate vehicle speeds?		$\overline{\times}$		
5. Violations of parking or other traffic regulation	ns?			<u> </u>
6. Drivers' confusion about routes, street names, o other guidance information?	Pr	乂		
7. Vehicle delays which could be reduced?		<u>/</u>	***	
8. Traffic flow deficiencies or traffic conflicts associated with turning movements?		<u>X.</u>		
9. Pedestrian movements through the location causin conflicts?	9			×
10. Would one-way operation be practical and make the location safer?		<u> </u>		
11. Is the volume of traffic causing the problem?		×		
12. Are there other traffic flow deficiencies or traff conflicts contributing to an accident pattern? If yes, please describe in Comments section.	ic	X		
PHYSICAL CHECKLIST	<i>,</i> *			
Could an observed accident pattern be mitigated practi	cally by:	!		
1. Sight obstructions being removed or lessened?	•	×		
2. Widening narrow street approaches?		<u>X</u>		
3. Improving the alignment of the street?		×		

FAX TRANSMISSION

NYSDOT - REGION 9 TRAFFIC & SAFETY

44 HAWLEY ST. BINGHAMTON NY 13901 607 721-8069 FAX: 607 721-8070

To:

Sgt. Dennis Jones

Troop "G" - Loudonville

Date:

April 17, 1996

cc: Sgt. Daniel Bates, Accd. Reconstruction. Supervisor, Albany, Fax 518 457-9620

Ron Edwards, Resident

Engineer, DOT Schoharie

County

Fax #:

518 783-3298

Pages:

cover only

Five, including this cover sheet.

From:

Bill Seaman, Safety Evaluations

Engineer, Traffic Engineering & Safety Unit, NYSDOT Region 9

Subject:

NY 7/30 and NY7/30A Intersections, Schoharie County

COMMENTS:

Sgt. Jones:

Thanks for meeting with us at these intersections yesterday.

To summarize our position:

1. There's a definite right-angle problem at these intersections, paticularly among older/elderly drivers. Sideroad drivers seem to be pulling out after initially stopping.

2. We don't know exactly why these accidents are occurring since sight distances are generally excellent. The pattern of older/elderly driver accidents probably indicates some type of perception/reaction problem. Perhaps drivers get used to entering the intersections with little or no problem from mainline traffic due to the relatively low mainline volumes and "open" nature of the intersections. After a time, the drivers may stop and "look", but not really "see".

3. Although we're not particularly eager to install 4-way stops, we don't know what else can be done to substantially reduce the accidents. Additional warning signs, etc. might help if there were a problem with drivers running the intersection without stopping. This isn't the case however.

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4.A similar phenomena was experienced at the NY7,10, & 992K intersection near the Village of Richmondville. Since we converted the flashing red/yellow to a 4-way stop on 10/6/92, there have not been any accidents in a 2 yr.- 2 mo. "After" period. There were 17 accidents, mostly right-angles, in a 3 yr.- 10 mo. "Before" period. A copy of our collision diagran and accident history is attached.

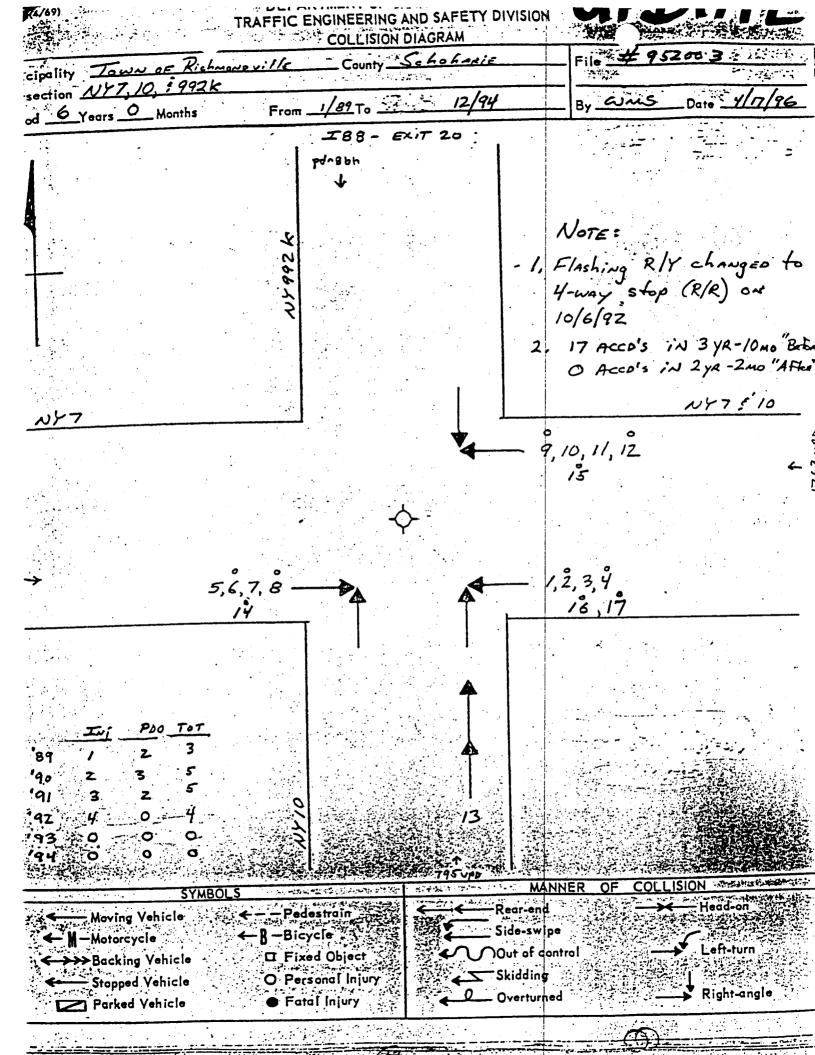
Please review our recommendation with Troop "G" and return any comments to us.

Copies of our studies at these two intersections are being mailed to you under separate cover.

Thanks again for meeting with us.

Bill Seaman

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copy as we do not have that
his fax. . Hanks:
Bill SEALLAND



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MEMORANDUM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Route 7 T. Schohano

To: Ron Edwards, Resident Engineer, Schoharie County

From: Robert A. MacMonigle, Regional Traffic Engineer

Subject: Signing & Pavement Marking Changes

NY7/30A/Zicha Rd. and NY7/30 Intersections

Schoharie County

Date: May 23, 1996

Please incorporate the following changes as follows:

NY7/30A/Zicha Rd Intersection (RM's 7-9504-1888 & 30A- 9501-1111):

- 1. On NY7 westbound, replace the existing W2-1 intersection sign with a new W2-1E Intersection sign.
- 2. On NY7 eastbound, install a new W2-1E Intersection sign approximately 830 to 920 feet prior to the intersection.
- 3. On NY30A northbound, install a new W2-15D "Stop Ahead" sign approximately 830 feet prior to the intersection. Field adjust if necessary to avoid conflicts with other signs or to improve visibility.
- 4. On Zicha Rd. southbound, replace the existing W2-15 "Stop Ahead" with a new W2-15D "Stop Ahead" sign.
- 5. On the NY30A and Zicha Rd. approaches, remove the old stop bars and install new 24" stop bars approximately 5 ft. from the edge of pavement including the "painted" word "STOP". Additional double yellow barrier marking should placed, as appropriate, between the new stop bar and the color contrasting median.
- 6.Install roadside delineators at the intersection similar to Example "A" of MUTCD Figure 295-2 (page 466). Impactable type delineators may be substituted.
- 7. Check the nighttime reflectivity of the existing stop sign on NY30A and replace it if necessary.
- 8. Replace the existing Stop sign on Zicha Rd. With a new R1-1E stop sign.
- 9. Check to see if the highway light on the southeast corner of the intersection is causing too much glare to a driver stopped at the intersection. If so, notify the utilities engineer about moving it to a location that will cause less glare.



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NY7/30 Intersection (RM's 7-9504-1208 & 30-9502-1506):

- 10. On NY7 eastbound and westbound, install new W2-1E Intersection signs approximately 830 to 920 feet prior to the intersection.
- 11. On NY30 northbound and southbound, install new W2-15D "Stop Ahead" signs approximately 830 feet prior to the intersection. They may be field adjusted if necessary to avoid conflicts with other signs or to improve visibility.
- 12. On the NY30 approaches, remove the old stop bars and install new 24" stop bars approximately 5 ft. from the edge of pavement including the "painted" word "STOP".
- 13.Install roadside delineators at the intersection similar to Example "A" of MUTCD Figure 295-2 (page 466). Impactable type delineators may be substituted.
- 14. Check the nighttime reflectivity of the existing R1-1E stop signs on NY30 and replace them if necessary.

RRC:RAM:WMS:wms

cc: File HSIP# 955012 File HSIP# 955015 GWW

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14.	' Check stop signs at night		6/3/96

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From:

Bill Seaman

To:

GWINANS

Date:

5/7/97 11:18am

Subject:

2nd Signal Heads at NY7/30 Zicha and

.51g. # 21

NY7/30

Gary,

Could you ask Frank to get the dates when the second set of heads were installed at these signals.

Thanks.

Bill

Sig # 25 heads installed 4/25/96 Sig. # 21 " 10/22/96