

The SafetyCube DSS inventory of assessed infrastructure risk factors and measures

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Read more: Usami et al. (2017). Inventory of assessed infrastructure risk factors and measures, Deliverable 5.4 of the H2020 project SafetyCube.

Summary

The core results of the work undertaken in the "Infrastructure" Work Package, on the basis of the SafetyCube methodology, aiming to develop the "Inventory of road infrastructure risks and measures", which populates the Road Safety Decision Support System (DSS).



Green (Probably

The SafetyCube "infrastructure" inventory includes:

- ✓ 240 coded studies on infrastructure risk factors and 260 studies on infrastructure **measures**.
- ✓ Overall **50%** of the studies were published after 2012, **75%** after 2007
- ✓ 28% of risk factor studies and 43% of measures studies originated from Europe
- ✓ 39 synopses (5 meta-analyses) for infrastructure risk factors, 48 synopses (>35 meta-analyses) on infrastructure measures
- 19 Cost Benefit Analyses on selected measures

k factors

Red (Risky)	Yellow (Probably risky)				
Effect of Traffic Volume on safety	! Congestion as a risk factor	. ?	Risks associated with		
Risks associated with Traffic Composition (VRUs only)	Occurrence of Secondary crashes	?	Risks associated with the distribution of traffic flow over arms at junctions		
Road Surface - Inadequate Friction	Alignment deficiencies - ! Absence of Transition curves	?	Adver	se wea	nther - Rain Users only)
Poor Visibility – Darkness (pedestrians only)	! Road functional class	?	Adver		ther - Frost
Adverse weather – Rain (motor vehicles only)	Poor Visibility - Darkness (all and two-wheelers only	?	Alignr		eficiencies - ves
Workzone length	! Poor visibility - fog	?	_		eficiencies - ced junctior
Alignment deficiencies - Low Curve Radius	Adverse weather - Rain (all)	?		hange Lengt	deficiencies th
Cross-section deficiencies - Number of Lanes	! Workzone duration	?	Interchange deficiencies Acceleration / deceleration lane length		
Shoulder and roadside deficiencies - Absence of paved shoulders	Alignment deficiencies - High grade	?	Poor junction readability - Absence of road markings and crosswalks		
Shoulder and roadside deficiencies - Narrow Shoulders	! Presence of Tunnels				Foc
Interchange deficiencies – absence of access control	Cross-section deficiencies Superelevation	-			Workzon
At-grade junction deficiencies - Risk of different junction types	Cross-section deficiencies Narrow lanes	-			Low Curv Alignmer Absence
At-grade junction deficiencies - Gradient	! Undivided road				Alignme
Uncontrolled rail-road crossing	Cross-section deficiencies Narrow median Shoulder and roadside deficiencies - Risks associated with Safety	-		ffect*	Shoulder Absence Shoulder Narrow S
	Barriers and Obstacles Shoulder and roadside deficiencies - Sight Obstructions (Landscape,			High effect*	Shoulder Sight obs Vegetati

Obstacles and Vegetation)

deficiencies - Number of

deficiencies - Skewness /

deficiencies - Poor sight

Uncontrolled junction

Poor junction readability -

At-grade junctions

conflict points

Junction angle

distance

At-grade junction

At-grade junction

not risky) Poor Visibility -Darkness (cars only) Traffic control

crosswalks Focus: Infrastructure "hot topics"

		Hot topic				
		Risks	Measures			
	High effect*	Workzone Length Low Curve Radius Alignment deficiencies - Absence of transition curves Alignment deficiencies - High Grade Presence of Tunnels Shoulder and roadside deficiencies - Absence of paved shoulders Shoulder and roadside deficiencies - Narrow shoulders Shoulder and roadside deficiencies - Risks associated with safety barriers and obstacles Shoulder and roadside deficiencies - Sight obstructions (Landscape, Obstacles and Vegetation) At-grade junctions deficiencies - Number of conflict points Risk of different junction types At-grade junction deficiencies - skewness / junction angle At-grade junction deficiencies - Poor Sight Distance	Dynamic speed limits Dynamic speed display signs Installation of lighting & Improvement of existing lighting Workzones: Signage installation and improvement Shoulder implementation (shoulder type Increase shoulder width Safety barriers installation; Change type safety barriers Create clear-zone / remove obstacles & Increase width of clear-zone Traffic sign installation; Traffic sign maintenance Variable message signs Sight distance treatments			
	Low effect	Workzone duration Alignment deficiencies - Frequent curves Alignment deficiencies - Densely spaced junctions	Improve skewness or junction angle			

Ranking of infrastructure measures

Ranking of in	rrastructure m	ieasures
Green (clearly reducing risk)	Light green (probably reducing risk)	Grey (Unclear)
✓ HGV traffic restrictions	Road safety audits & inspections	? Implementation of woonerfs
✓ Speed limit reduction✓ measures to increase road safety	✓ High risk sites treatment	? Installation of median
Dynamic speed display signs	Implementation of narrowings	? Increase number of lanes
Installation of section control & speed cameras	✓ School zones	? Increase lane width
Installation of speed humps	Installation of traffic calming schemes	? Change shoulder type
Implementation of 30-zones	✓ Road surface treatments	? Installation of cycle lane and cycle path
Installation of lighting & ✓ Improvement of existing lighting	✓ Increase median width	? V2I schemes
✓ Workzones: Signage✓ installation and improvement	✓ Change median type	? Improve skewness or junction angle
Implementation of ✓ rumble strips at centreline	Shoulder implementation (shoulder type)	? Convert 4-leg junction to staggered junctions
Installation of chevron signs	✓ Increase shoulder width	? STOP / YIELD signs installation / replacement
Traffic sign installation; Traffic sign maintenance	Safety barriers installation; ✓ Change type of safety barriers	? Implementation of marked crosswalk
Convert at-grade junction to interchange	✓ Create clear-zone / remove✓ obstacles & Increase width of clear-zone	? Traffic signal reconfiguration
Sight distance treatments	Road markings implementation	? Convert junction to roundabout (cyclists)
Automatic barriers installation	Implementation of edgeline rumble strips	
 Dynamic speed limits 	✓ Variable message signs	
Creation of by-pass roads	Convert junction to roundabout	
	✓ Channelisation	
	Installation of rail-road crossing traffic sign	
	Traffic signal installation	
	✓ 2+1 roads	

Cost-benefit analyses

Measure	Benefit-to-cost ratio (best estimate)	Benefit-to-cost ratio (low measure effect)	Benefit-to-cost ratio (high measure effect)
Road safety audits - Light measure case	21.7	16.4	27.0
Road safety audits - Heavy measure case	2.9	2.2	3.6
High risk sites treatment	16.1	13.2	18.4
Dynamic speed limits	1.1	-2.3	3.6
Section control	19.5	14.7	23.0
Installation of speed humps	18.2	8.6	26.8
Implementation of 30-zones	1.6	0.6	2.5
Installation of lighting & Improvement of existing lighting	0.7	0.5	0.9
Implementation of rumble strips at centreline	9.1	7.6	10.3
Installation of chevron signs	2.7	1.4	5.5
Channelisation	8.4	1.2	14.0
Automatic barriers installation	0.05	0.04	0.06
Installation of traffic calming schemes	0.4	0.3	0.4
Installation of traffic calming schemes (b)	0.2	-	-
Road surface treatments	-	-	-
Winter maintenance	6.0	-	-
Safety barriers installation	19.5	10.6	25.4
Convert junction to roundabout	9.2	8.1	10.2
Traffic signal installation	1.1	0.5	1.5
Traffic signal installation - highways	2.7	1 8	ГЭ

Ranking of measures cost-effectiveness

		Costs (per unit)		
Low [C		Low [Costs < 100.000 €/unit]	High [Costs ≥ 100.000 €/unit]	
		Installation of chevron signs	Automatic barriers installation	
< 2.0]		Traffic signal installation	Installation of traffic calming schemes	
		Installation of lighting &	Installation of traffic calming schemes (b)	
	Low [CBR	Improvement of existing lighting	Dynamic speed limits	
ness	Γ		Implementation of 30-zones	
Effectiveness		Road safety audits - Light measure case	Road safety audits - Heavy measure case	
Effec	2.0]	Winter maintenance	Traffic signal installation - highways	
	ΛΙ	Safety barriers installation	Channelisation	
	h [CBR	High risk sites treatment	Convert junction to roundabout	
	High	Implementation of rumble strips at centreline	Section control	
			Installation of speed humps	

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