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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The aspect of pedestrian safety that this project addresses is: on a one-way system, preliminary evidence indicates that pedestrians in crosswalks are hit about twice as often by vehicles making <u>left-turns</u> than vehicles making <u>right-turns</u>. That is, pedestrian accident experience in the crosswalk where pedestrians share the green with left-turning vehicles is significantly higher than in the crosswalk where the pedestrians share the green with right-turning vehicles.

In England, where the driver's seat is located on the right, the crosswalk where pedestrians share the green with the right-turning traffic has an accident experience twice that of the crosswalk where the pedestrians share the green with left-turning vehicles. The question "why should a left-turning vehicle be twice (at least) as probable to strike a pedestrian in a crosswalk than a right-turning vehicle?" will be addressed in this study.

The objective of this research is to identify the unique causal factors controlling accidents experienced on different crosswalks of intersections on one-way street networks. Identifying these causal factors will help local traffic engineers and policy makers accommodate these unique characteristics in planning, controlling or redesigning one-way street networks.

#### RESEARCH TECHNIQUE

A basic component of our approach to this research involved the establishing and collection of data at a set of intersections for which a complete set of accident records were available. Test intersections of the same operation and geometric characteristics were selected. In addition, one long section of arterial, (20 or more blocks) was also evaluated. Geometric characteristics, parking regulations, pedestrian and traffic movements, crosswalk orientation with respect to the sun, and other intersection attributes were documented for each test intersection. All intersections were located in Manhattan, selected for its large one-way street network.

The pedestrian-accident experience on the conflict crosswalks was collected for each test intersection for a period of a little more than four years (1972-early 1976). The time of accidents, the characteristics of the pedestrian (e.g., age, etc.), the model of the vehicle, the cause of the accident — such as the pedestrian and/or the driver (vehicle) actions and other pertinent information that contributed to pedestrian accidents at street intersections — were extracted from the accident files. The study also employed manual tallies of pedestrian and vehicle movements at test intersections. A moving-car experiment at intersections that have the highest accident frequency was conducted with the aid of a movie camera.

Information on traffic accidents was acquired from the New York City Police Department. Other sources were the New York City Traffic Department and from the project study team that did the pedestrian and traffic movement tallies. The following table summarizes the data used.

## STRUCTURE OF GENERAL DATA BASE

Precinct Number Accident Number Date Time (military) Day of the Week Number Killed Number Injured Primary Street Code Intersecting Street Code Weather and Road Condition Action of Pedestrian Age Group of Pedestrian Apparent Cause - Vehicle #1 Apparent Cause - Vehicle #2 Primary Street - Alphabetic Name Intersecting Street - Alphabetic Name Direction - Vehicle Direction - Pedestrian Action of Vehicle #1 Action of Vehicle #2

Vehicle Year (last 2 digits) Vehicle Model Vehicle Body Type Sex of Driver Sex of Pedestrian Residency of Driver Residency of Pedestrian Light Condition Seat Belts Type of Injury Type of Injury Type of Physical Complaint Traffic Volumes \* Pedestrian Volumes \* Parking Regulations \*

\* Field Inventory Data

#### ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The basic analysis procedure was to compare attributes of leftturning accidents and from right-turning accidents. Where differences could be identified for a particular attribute, measures were put forward that attempt to remedy the situation, either through implementation or future research. The following are some of the findings.

#### Non-Contributing Factors

The following is a listing of factors that do not contribute to explaining the difference between left and right-turning accidents

- Pedestrian Age
- Day of Week and Month of Day
- Curbside Parking Regulations
- Length of Crosswalk
- Pedestrian Actions

#### Contributing Factors

The following is a listing of factors that explain some of the differences between left and right-turning accidents.

#### Lighting

- A-Pillar Visibility Limitations
  - Driver Habits

Signal Placement

## Recommended Countermeasures

The following outlines the proposed recommended countermeasures that address the above mentioned contributing factors.

(1) Extensive driver education to improve awareness of hazardous left-turning maneuvers.

(2) Redesign of vehicle to improve sight angles. Optimum condition is design where left-turning sight angles are the same as right-turning sight angles. Also recommended is an elimination of vent-window design and increased windshield wiper area.

(3) Additional traffic signal should be placed above the turning crosswalk at the far side of the intersection in order. to improve driver's target detection and to increase eye contact.

(4) Improved lighting; a clear sidewalk 50 feet upstream of intersection; a 12 to 15 foot parking lane; and a 3 foot indentation (into the block) of the turning crosswalk are all recommended environmental changes.

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#### CHAPTER I

#### PROJECT REVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

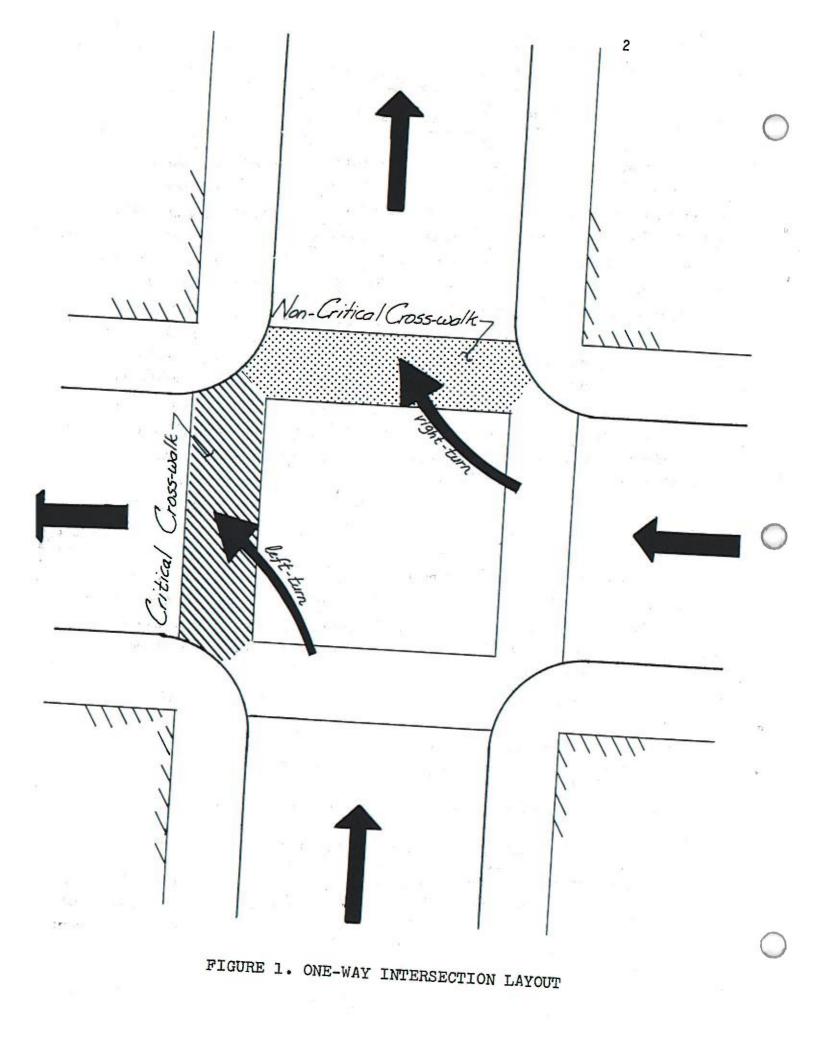
The aspect of pedestrian safety that this project addresses is: on a one-way system, preliminary evidence indicates that pedestrians in crosswalks are hit about twice as often by vehicles making <u>left-turns</u> than vehicles making <u>right-turns</u>. (1,<sup>3</sup>) That is, pedestrian accident experience in the crosswalk where pedestrians share the green with left-turning vehicles is significantly higher than in the crosswalk where the pedestrians share the green with right-turning vehicles (see Figure 1).

In England, where the driver's seat is located on the right, the crosswalk where pedestrians share the green with the right-turning traffic has an accident experience twice that of the crosswalk where the pedestrians share the green with left-turning vehicles (also see Appendix 1). The question why should a left-turning vehicle be twice(at least) as probable to strike a pedestrian in a crosswalk than a right-turning vehicle?" will be addressed in this study.

The objective of this research is to identify the unique causal factors controlling accidents experienced on different crosswalks of intersections on one-way street networks. Identifying these causal factors will help local traffic engineers and policy makers accommodate these unique characteristics in planning, controlling or redesigning one-way street networks. Should the causal factors only be vehicle-related, specific proposals will be made to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) or other appropriate agencies.

Identifying the causal factor(s) will identify the actions to be taken:

- Develop preliminary design to improve a causal condition.
- All "design" work will depend on the identification of the causal factor(s).
- Develop a usable plan that can be applied to urban areas in short-term future.
- It may be necessary to design an education program to be inputted into drivers education courses and State Motor Vehicle manuals to make new drivers aware of the problem.
- . Identify further research needs based on project findings.



#### RESEARCH TECHNIQUE

A basic component of our approach to this research involved the establishment and collection of data at a set of intersections for which a complete set of accident records were available. Test intersections of the same operation and geometric characteristics were selected. In addition one long section of arterial, 20 or more blocks was also evaluated. Geometric characteristics, parking regulations, pedestrian and traffic movements, crosswalk orientation with respect to sun, and other intersection attributes were documented for each test intersection. All intersections were located in Manhattan, selected for its large one-way street network.

The pedestrian-accident experience on the conflict crosswalks was collected for each test intersection for a period a little more than four years (1972-early 1976). The time of accidents, the characteristics of the pedestrian (e.g., age, etc.), the model of the vehicle, the cause of the accident--such as the pedestrian and/or the drivers (vehicle) actions and other pertinent information that contributed to pedestrian accidents at street intersections-were extracted from the accident files.

The study also employed manual tallies of pedestrian and vehicle movements at test intersections. A moving-car experiment at intersections that have the highest accident frequency was conducted with the aid of movie camera<sup>S</sup>.

The data collected was evaluated in an attempt to identify one or more of the following as the causal factors of pedestrian-vehicle incidences at intersections:

- Roof-support impedance to visibility.
- Approach speed of turning vehicle.
- Parking regulations.
- Illumination of intersection.
- Climatic conditions.
- Intersection geometrics.
- Intersection control.
- Others.

Information on traffic accidents was acquired from the New York City Police Department. Other sources were the New York City Traffic Department and from the project study team that did the pedestrian and traffic movement tallies.

## REPORT ORGANIZATION

The remainder of this report is organized into three components. Chapter 2 presents the actual data collected and analysis of accidents of a large data set and their subsequent causal factors. Chapter 3 presents analyses of the data at the selected intersections and shows comparison between the accidents involving left-turning vehicles, through and rightturning traffic. Chapter 4 deals with conclusions and recommendations.

#### CHAPTER 2

#### DATA INVENTORY

The approach to this work task in regard to the problem addressed by this study necessitated obtaining pedestrian accident data for a period of at least three years. The following data elements were desired to help accomplish the investigation requirements:

- The time and cause of accidents and other related information as extracted from accident reports, insurance claims and/or hospital records.
- Geometric characteristics, parking regulations, pedestrian and traffic counts, crosswalk orientation with respect to the sun and other intersection attributes with documentation for each test intersection;
- The make-model and model year of vehicle involved, roof support identification, i.e., the driver's obscured field of view; and
- The characteristics of the pedestrians involved in the accident, i.e., age, sex, physical condition, etc.

Information on pedestrian-vehicle accidents for the period 1972 to early 1976 was supplied by the New York City Police Department. Manhattan, New York City was selected for this pedestrian safety study because it is one of the most densely populated cities in the United States and has a grid pattern of street systems, most of which is one-way.

The NYCPD provided data for all accidents in Manhattan over the 1972 early 1976 period. From this data, pedestrian accidents at signalized intersections were extracted to form a subset. A review of this subset indicated that there were selected precincts primarily in the midtown and downtown areas, where the one-way grid street system was dominant. Thus a project study area was derived.

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## SELECTION OF STUDY AREA

The project study area is located in Mid-Manhattan bordered by 110th Street on the North, Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive (FDR) on the East, Houston Street on the South, and the West-Side Highway from Houston Street to 59th Street and Eighth Avenue from 50th Street to 110th Street on the West. This area also includes Manhattan Police Precincts 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19 and 23 (see Figure 2). There were 2217 pedestrian accidents of interest at approximately 730 intersections in this project study area.

# PRELIMINARY SELECTION OF ARTERIALS AND INTERSECTIONS

A representative north-south arterial within the project study area was also selected and analyzed with regard to traffic flow characteristics and pedestrian accident history. Accident data at each intersection along this arterial was aggregated to represent an overall view of pedestrianvehicle accident occurrence over a length of the arterial. This evaluation supplemented the analyses at selected intersections. The selection of the arterial was based on:

- Frequency of left-turn pedestrian-vehicle accidents.
- Mileage of arterial which passes through residential and commercial district
- Number of sensitive locations bordering the arterial; e.g., school, hospitals, etc.

First and Second Avenues have the highest occurrence of left-turn pedestrian-vehicle accidents. In addition, these two avenues traverse similar land use - high density residential and commercial - and both are bordered by several schools and hospitals.

The selection of <u>Second Avenue between 34th Street and 58th Street</u> as a representative arterial was made because of its highest frequency of left-turn pedestrian-vehicle accidents. This section is bordered by seven schools and one hospital.

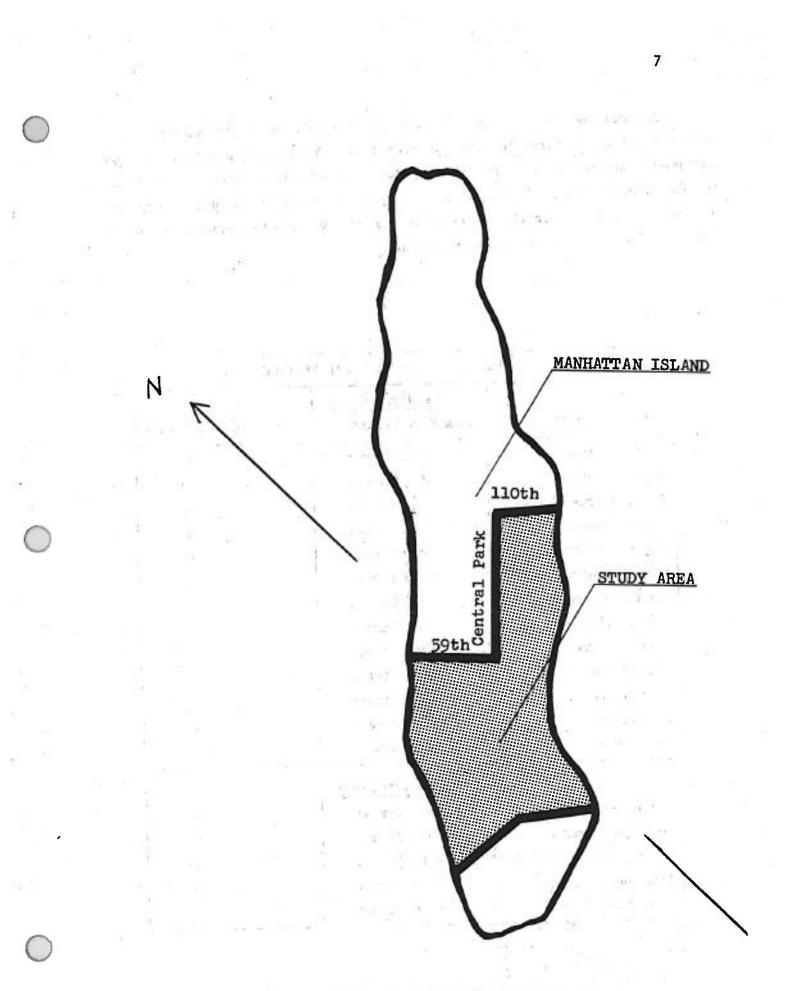


FIGURE 2. PROJECT STUDY AREA

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In addition to the arterial section, eighteen intersections were selected for study throughout the project area. These eighteen intersections involved a minimum of four left-turn pedestrian-vehicle accidents throughout the duration of the analysis period. They included 13 in which both streets are one-way and five in which one street is one-way and the other two-way. Table 1 identifies these 18 intersections.

Primary Street	<u>One-Way/One-Way</u> Secondary Street	Left-Turn Accidents
First Avenue	59th Street	7
Eighth Avenue	49th Street	7
First Avenue	4th Street	5
Second Avenue	49th Street	5
Eighth Avenue	40th Street	5
Eighth Avenue	55th Street	5
Avenue of the Americas	21st Street	4
Avenue of the Americas	51st Street	4
First Avenue	12th Street	4
Seconā Avenue	14th Street	4
Second Avenue	58th Street	4
Second Avenue	59th Street	4
Fifth Avenue	60th Street	4
	One-Way/Two-Way	
Second Avenue	86th Street	9
exington Avenue	34th Street	4
venue of the Americas	42nd Street	4
roadway	57th Street	4
Second Avenue	42nd Street	4

#### DATA ELEMENTS

The accident data used in this project was taken exclusively from the standard NYCPD accident forms (See Figure 3). Three data sets were developed for the analysis procedure. These are defined below:

Study Area Data Set - All intersection pedestrian accidents

Test Data Set -

in the study area as shown in Figure 2 during the analyses period - 2217 accidents. All intersection pedestrian accidents at the 43 test intersections, 225 accidents. Combined Data Set - All intersection pedestrian accidents at the 43 test intersections plus all other rightturn pedestrian accidents from the study area data base - 455 accidents.

The basic information provided on computer tapes by the New York City Department of Traffic in the study area data set did not include some important variables. Therefore, after selecting the test intersections, hard copies of the accident report forms were retrieved and additional information appended to the information already on the study area data set. A test data set was thereby developed. Table 2 shows the elements comprising each data set.

The need for the combined data set was to have more right-turn accident samples, due to their relative scarcity in the test data set. It was assumed that there are no differences between the characteristics of the right-turn accidents of the study area and of the test intersections. The combined data set was used where the number of right-turn accidents from the test data base was too small to provide meaningful comparisons with left-turn accidents in specific analyses,

Table 3 is a segregation of the data elements for the pedestrian/vehicle accident system. It should be noted again that all accidents occured at signalized intersections.

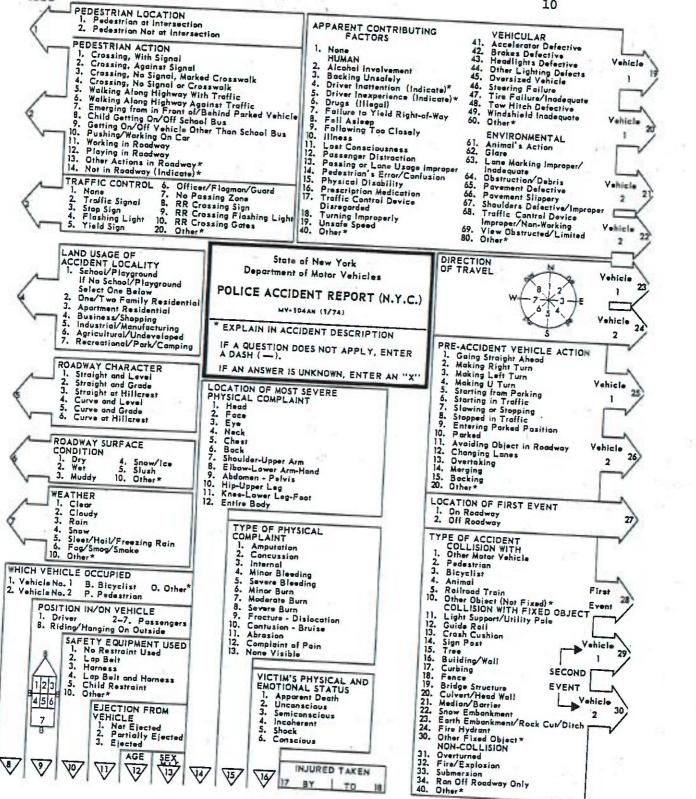


FIGURE 3. ACCIDENT REPORT FORM 1 OF 2

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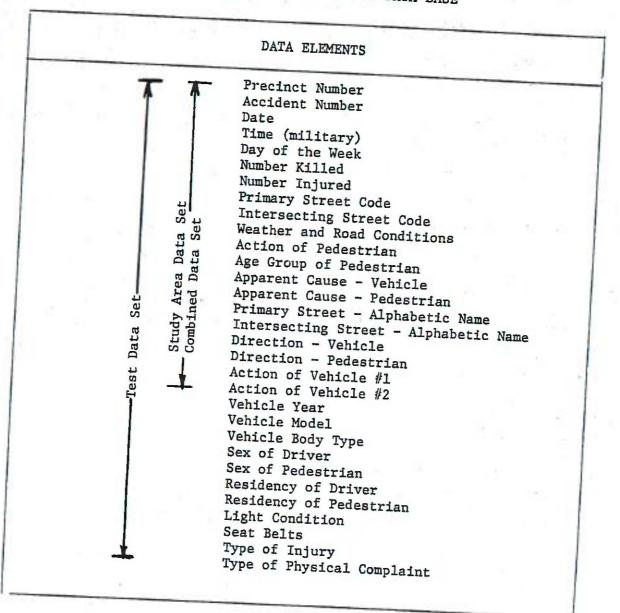


TABLE 3 - PEDESTRIAN/VEHICLE ACCIDENT SYSTEM

#### Pedestrian

Action of Pedestrian Age Group of Pedestrian Apparent Cause-Pedestrian Direction of Pedestrian Sex of Pedestrian \* Residency of Pedestrian \* Type of Injury Type of Physical Complaint \* Number Killed Number Injured

#### Driver

Sex of Driver \* Residency of Driver \* Seat Belts \*

#### Vehicle

Apparent Cause - Vehicle Direction - Vehicle Action of Vehicle Vehicle Year \* Vehicle Model \* Vehicle Body Type \*

#### Environment

Precinct Number Date Time Day of Week Primary Street Code/Name Intersecting Street Code/Name Weather and Road Conditions Light Conditions \*

\* Appended data for test intersections

It should be noted that, especially for the appended data elements shown in Table 3, reporting on the accident forms was not always done, thereby further reducing data elements for specific analyses.

# GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF DATA BASE

The following section provides <u>selected summaries</u> of the 2217 records for the project area. These are presented to assist in a general description of the utilized data. All tables present below do not distinguish between the various turning accidents. This is addressed in detail in Chapter 3.

The annual number of pedestrian accidents within the study area for the period 1972 to early part of 1976 is summarized in Table 4. Table 5 indicates the trend in accidents by months . There is a significant rise from September through November leading to a peak during the Christmas shopping month of December. On the whole this period through the winter is the season of highest accidents.

Tables 6 and 7 relates the number of accidents to the time of day and day of week. They illustrate that the highest incidence occurs during the evening rush-hour. The day of week data coincides with the standard daily traffic volume distribution.

In terms of weather conditions, most accidents occurred in clear dry weather. Rain and clear wet conditions followed far behind with other conditions scarcely represented (see Table 8). based on pedestrian-vehicle volume as determined by exposure rate method, shows that the frequency of accident involvemnt of left-turning vehicles is not influenced by different exposure as the sum of all left-turn exposure rates is almost the same as the sum of all right-turn exposure rates Thus, the accident problem being evaluated does not stem from an imbalance of pedestrian and vehicle movements at intersections in the study area.

In addition to these counts super 8 mm movies were taken while driving in the study area. Filming offered a valuable supplement to the statistical data collected. Time lapse photography (at 0.5 sec. and 1.0 sec. intervals) as well as continuous filming was used to try to simulate driver perception under normal driving conditions (Figure <sup>3A</sup>) Time lapse photography helped illustrate how crossing pedestrians can go unnoticed to the driver, or be within the driver's blocked arc of vision (primarily blocked by roof support) while taking his eyes off the road for a half-second or one second (simulates the driver glancing at a traffic signal or other distractions).

#### SUMMARY

The combined accident record data, field inventory counts and limited filming provided the research team with the quantitative elements to procede with the conduct of the study. Chapter 3 presents all evaluations of these data elements.

	TABLE 4 YEAR OF	ACCIDENT
Category Label	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency (percent)
1972	638	
1973	549	28.8
1974		24.8
1975	487	21.9
	539	24.3
1976	4	0.2
TOTAL	2,217	100.0

TABLE 5 DATE OF ACCIDENT				
Category Label	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency (percent)		
January	191	8.6		
February	214	9.7		
March	223	10.1		
April	198	8.9		
May	194	8.8		
June	159	7.2		
July	129	5.8		
August	131	5.9		
eptember	163	7.4		
ctober	184	8.3		
ovember	200	9.0		
ecember	<u>231</u>	<u>10.4</u>		
TOTAL	2,217	100.0		

Category Label Frequency		Relative Frequency (percent)	
12:00 Midnight	58	2.6	
1:00 A.M.	42	1.9	
2:00 A.M.	28	1.3	
3:00 A.M.	21	0.9	
4:00 A.M.	18	0.8	
5:00 A.M.	7	0.3	
6:00 A.M.	11	0.5	
7:00 A.M.	33	1.5	
8:00 A.M.	96	4.3	
9:00 A.M.	111	5.0	
10:00 A.M.	95	4.3	
11:00 A.M.	120	5.4	
12:00 Noon	169	7.6	
1:00 P.M.	138	6.2	
2:00 P.M.	134	6.0	
3:00 P.M.	169	7.6	
4:00 P.M.	164	7.4	
5:00 P.M.	182	8.2	
6:00 P.M.	138	6.2	
7:00 P.M.	127	5.7	
8:00 P.M.	107	4.8	
9:00 P.M.	88	4.0	
10.00 P.M.	88	4.0	
11:00 P.M.	72	3.2	
12:00 Midnight	1	0.0	
Total	2,217	100.0	

TABLE 7 DAY OF WEEK ACCIDENT OCCURRED				
Category Label	Absolute Prequency	Relative Frequency		
Sunday	177	(percent)		
Monday		8.0		
Tuesday	342	15.4		
Wednesday	336	15.2		
Thursday	351	15.8		
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Friday	383	16.1		
Saturday	272	17.3		
Total	2,217	12.3		
	2,21/	100.0		

TABLE 8 WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS				
Category Label	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency (percent)		
Clear-Dry Clear-Wet Clear-Ice/Snow Rain-Wet Rain-Ice/Snow Snow-Wet Snow-Ice/Snow Fog-Wet Muddy Treezing Rain-Ice/Snow ther Total	1,608 115 21 409 7 23 15 6 1 5 7 2217	72.5 5.2 0.9 18.4 0.3 1.0 0.7 0.3 0.0 0.2 0.3		

Table 9 provides a description of the "situation" preceeding the accident. Most pedestrian accidents at the intersections occur when pedestrians cross with signal, implying that they are turning accidents. This is a surprisingly large percentage.

For several reasons pedestrian initiated actions, as determined by the traffic police, were a "contributing circumstance" in a majority of pedestrian-vehicle accidents (Table 10). The pedestrian "failure to yield to vehicle" when combined with other "pedestrian's Action" provides a category that exceeds all others for reported data. On the vehicular side, the driver's judgement, rather than mechanical failure, is indicated by the data as being the major contributing circumstance (see Tables 9 and 10).

The action of vehicles prior to accident clearly shows that vehicles making a left turn at an intersection are more prone to incidence with a pedestrian in the crosswalk as compared to a vehicle making a right turn. Table 11 shows that vehicles making a left turn at intersections are involved in accidents approximately twice as frequently as those making a right turn.

Table 12 illustrates the breakdown of pedestrian-vehicle accident by age. Approximately 22% of pedestrian accidents within the project area and period of study involved adults between 21 years and 30 years of age, 25% involved adults between 31 years and 60 years, 26% involved elderly between 61 years and 80 years, while about 8% involved very old people above 80 years and youths less than 15 years old.

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TABLE 9 ACTIO	ON OF PEDESTRIAN P	RIOR TO ACCIDENT
Category Label	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency (percent)
Crossing With Signal Crossing Against Signal	1,237	57.6
Crossing: No Signal	533	24.8
Crossing: No Signal or Crosswalk	15	1.1
Coming from Behind Parked Vehicle	38	0.7
Playing in Roadway Crossing Road Not at	10	0.5
Intersection Setting On/Off Bus on	30	1.4
Other Vehicle orking in Roadway	- 20	0.9
orking in Road With/	25	1.2
Against Traffic ot in Road	13	0.6
ther	23 182	1.1
Total	2149	8.5

Category Label	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency (percent)
Speed Too Fast for Conditions	29	1.3
Failing to Keep Right	7	0.3
Failing to Yield Right of Way to Vehicle	235	10.8
Failing to Yield Right of Way to Pedestrian	388	17.8
Following Too Closely	5	0.2
Backing Unsafely	77	3.5
Reckless Driving	8	0.4
Driving While Intoxicated	15	0.7
Driving While Ability is Impaired	2	0.1
Improper Passing	2	0.1
Improper Turning	15	0.7
Unattended: Rolling Downhill	1	0.0
Failing to Obey Signal	31	1.4
Wrong Way: One-Way Thoroughfare	1	0.0
Defective Brakes	5	0.2
Improper Parking	1	0.0
Pedestrian's Actions	222	10.2
Defective Equipment	4	0.2
Missing	1132	52.0
Missing Data		
Total	2,180	100.0

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TABLE 11 ACTION OF VEHICLE PRIOR TO ACCIDENT				
Category Label	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency (percent)		
Straight	1,021	51.4		
Passing	3	0.2		
Right Turn	260	13.1		
Left Turn	492	24.8		
U-Turn	L	0.1		
Backing	94	4.7		
Start in Traffic	34	1.7		
Stopped in Traffic	28	1.4		
Start from Park	10	0.5		
Slowing	11	0.6		
Skidding	4	0.2		
arked	9	0.5		
ther	20	1.0		
out of Range	179	Missing		
Total	2166	100.00		

TABLE 12 AGE GROUP OF PEDESTRIAN			
Category Label	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency (percent)	
Under 5 years	16	0.7	
5 to 10 years	62	2.9	
ll to 15 years	60	2.8	
16 to 20 years	108	5.0	
21 to 30 years	506	23.6	
31 to 40 years	301.	14.0	
41 to 50 years	253	11.8	
51 to 60 years	223	10.4	
61 to 70 years	282	13.1	
71 to 80 years	293	13.7	
Over 80 years	42	2.0	
Total	2,146	100.0	

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The distribution of accidents within the study area (see Figure 2) by police precinct is illustrated in Table 13.

TABLE 13 NUMBER OF PRECINCT				
Category Label	Precinct Number	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency (percent)	
	4	19	0.9	
	6	96	4.3	
	9	130	5.9	
	10	101	4.6	
	13	189	8.5	
Midtown North	14	482	21.7	
	17	236	10.6	
lidtown South	18	393	17.7	
a	19	341	15.4	
	23	230	10.4	
	Total	2,217	100.0	

Tables 14 and 15 show accident fatalities and injury. Due to their nature, almost all pedestrian accidents are either fatal or injury accidents.

TABLE 14 NUME	BER OF PERSONS KILLE	D IN ACCIDENT
Number Killed	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency (percent)
	2,193	98.9
Total	<u>24</u> 2,217	$\frac{1.1}{100.0}$

	Absolute Frequency	Relative Frequency (percent)
0.	67	3.0
1.	2,047	92,3
2.	86	3.9
3.	11	0.5
4.	3	0.1
5.	2	0.1
8.	1	0.0
o. Tota	2,217	100.0

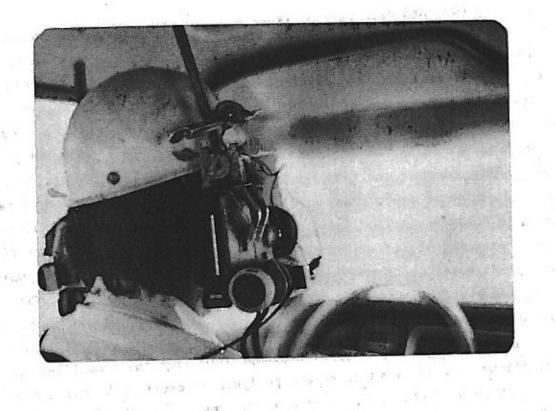
#### FIELD DATA COLLECTED

Ten hour directional traffic and pedestrian volumes were counted for each selected intersection during the third week of February. In addition parking regulations were recorded for each approach leg (by direction) of each test intersection. The purpose of these counts was to provide quantitative description of the pedestrian/vehicle conflicts at the test intersections. An exposure rate for each crosswalk was calculated based on traffic/ pedestrian volumes. This exposure rate, E, was defined as a ratio of the product of pedestrian and traffic volume to their sum:

> E = (PV/P+V) Where E = Exposure Rate P = Pedestrian Volume V = Vehicle Volume

Table 16 presents the exposure rates for each crosswalk for turning vehicle/pedestrian conflicts. Data was not completely available for two test intersections. It should also be noted that, due to severe snow conditions in the Winter of '78, this field counting program was delayed for several weeks. A general assessment of pedestrian vehicle incidence,

100 100	Left-Turn		Right-Turn	
Intersection	Major		Major	
First Avenue & 4th Street	540	)		
Eighth Avenue & 55th Street		847	1,120	
Second Avenue & 40th Street	1,920			1,601
Second Avenue & 49th Street	781			1,391
Eighth Avenue & 49th Street		662	880	
Sixth Avenue & 21st Street		992	1,007	
Sixth Avenue & 51st Street		2,473	3,443	
First Avenue & 12th Street	619			339
Second Avenue & 14th Street		789	1,365	
exington Avenue & 34th Street	2,539	1,182	1,668	906
ixth Avenue & 42nd Street	453	549	2,236	639
roadway & 57th Street	940	1,986	4,089	686
econd Avenue & 42nd Street	1,629	2,283		1,427
econd Avenue & 58th Street		1,356	1,252	- 3 4 2 /
ighth Avenue & 40th Street	2,128		1,631	
econd Avenue & 86th Street		844		674
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#### CHAPTER 3 ANALYSIS OF DATA

A combined data base of right-turn accidents from the project area data base, left-turn and through accidents from the data set of selected intersections and arterial section is used for the analyses in this chapter. This data base is comprised of 455 accident records: 110 left-turn, 260 right-turn, and 85 through accident and is used to compare the percentage frequency of left-turn, right-turn, and through vehiclepedestrian accidents in regard to accident location, time of accident, accident severity, weather and road conditions, age distribution of pedestrians and, action of pedestrians and vehicles prior to the accidents. In addition to frequency comparisons, cross-tabulation analysis was used only for the data set of test intersections and selected arterial, which comprised of 225 accident records: 110 left-turn, 30 right-turn, 85 through accidents. These crosstabulations depict vehicular movement with regard to time of accident, vehicle make, vehicle year, vehicle body type, accident severity, type of physical complaint, lighting conditions, parking regulations, and minor/major street analysis of cross-walk incidences. It should be pointed out that, because of the small overall size of data basis, statistical validity to a high degree of confidence can only be inferred as the analysis is presented.

The following paragraphs present various analysis performed in this study. The first section outline the non-contributing factors and the second section identifies factors with seemingly direct bearing on explaining the differences between left and right-turning accidents.

## NON-CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

## General Comparisons

Table 17 presents the frequencies of accidents by month of the year and by day of the week for the data base being used. Comparison of rightturn and left-turn frequencies does not show any definable pattern.

Table 18 presents frequency by time of day. On the surface, there does not seem to be appreciable differences between day and night accidents. However, the period from 6 to 8 PM shows a 14.6% to 5.4% left-turn versus right turn rates. This period does have fairly high pedestrian activity and, during one-half of the year it is a period of darknows a term

MONTH	Through	Right-Turn	Left-Turn
anuary	4.7	6.9	7.3
'ebruary	3.5	10.0	9.1
arch	14.1	8.8	11.8
pril	9.4	10.4	10.0
ay	5.9	6.9	8.2
une	5.9	6.2	10.9
uly	10.6	5.8	2.7
ugust	5.9	4.6	4.5
September	12.9	7.3	7.3
October	7.1	11.5	7.3
November	5.9	12.3	10.9
December	14.1	9.2	10.0
	100%	100%	100%
DAY			
Sunday	9.2	3.8	7.3
fonday	17.6	22.7	16.4
Tuesday	16.5	17.3	16.4
Vednesday	15.3	17.3	18.2
Thursday	15.3	15.8	16.4
Friday	15.3	13.5	15.5
Saturday	10.6	9.6	10.0
	100%	100%	100%

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darkness/twilight conditions does point out the likelihood that improved illumination of these critical crosswalks will reduce some left-turn

TIME	Through	Right-Turn	
6 AM - 7 AM	5.9		Left-Turn
7 AM - 8 AM	5.9	5.0	3.6
8 AM - 9 AM		7.7	4.5
AM - 10 AM	4.7	4.6	2.7
0 AM - 11 AM	3.5	6.2	1.8
1 AM - Noon	9.4	8.1	5.5
oon - 1 PM	4.7	8.5	6.4
	4.7	6.2	
PM - 2 PM	2.4	9.6	3.6
PM - 3 PM	7.1	9.6	10.0
PM - 4 PM	5.9		6.4
PM - 5 PM	2.4	7.3	10.9
PM - 6 PM		3.5	6.4
PM - 7 PM	3.5	5.0	10.0
PM - 8 PM	7.1	2.7	8.2
PM - 6 AM	2.4	2.7	6.4
U O AM	30.7	13.6	13.5

Table 19 presents a comparison of severity of accidents. Though not by a large amount, left-turn accidents, do seem on the average to be more serious than right-turn accidents, implying a higher contact speed. This seemingly higher average contact speed would logically translate into either a shorter average reation time for the driver during left-turns or some physiological characteristics of the driver that causes a higher left-turn speed, all other things being equal.

TABI	E 19 - SEVERITY OF ACC	IDENTS	in the second
<u>FATALITIES</u>	<u>Through</u>	<u>Right-Turn</u>	Left-Turn
O	97.6	99.2	99.1
$\frac{1}{\underline{INJURIES}} $	$\frac{2.4}{100.0\%}$		0.9 100.0%
0	1.2	4.6	0.9
1	95.2	90.8	93.6
2	2.4	3.8	5.5
3	<u>1.2</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>    0,0   </u>
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 20 presents frequences for accident types related to weather and road conditions. In comparing left and right-turn accidents, rain does seem to accentuate the problem. Previous studies in traffic operations do show that drivers will, all other things being equal, drive slower during rain. Therefore, higher left-turn accidents during rain is caused by <u>visibility limitations</u> rather than short reaction time. These differences in visibility restrictions could be general environmental visibility limitations or, more likely, from rain drops accumulated on the windshield in the vicinity of the A-pillar (not removed by wiper) that results in a general decline in left-turn visibility when taken in conjunction with the A-pillar itself. The actual quantitative effect of this factor is very small in explaining turning movement accident differences.

TABLE 20 - WEA	THER/ROAD COND	ITIONS	
WEATHER & ROAD CONDITIONS	Through	Right-Turn	Left-Turn
Clear - day	73.8	75.8	69.1
Clear - wet	4.8	3.8	5.5
Clear - Ice/Snow	2.4	.1.5	0.9
Rain - wet	16.7	15.0	22.7
Snow - wet	0	1.9	0
Snow - Ice/Snow	1.2	1.5	1.8
Fog - wet	0	0.4	0
	100 %	100 %	100 %

Table 21 shows the frequency distribution of pedestrian involvement by age. No specific inferences can be drawn from this comparison. It would not be accurate to compare the age distributions with general population distributions due to the marked differences in trip making (and hence exposure) among these age groups.

T	ABLE 21 - PEDESTRIAN	AGE	
PEDESTRIAN AGE Less than 5 5 - 10 11 - 15 16 - 20	<u>Through</u> 1.2 2.4 4.9	<u>Right-Turn</u> 0.8 1.6 1.6	<u>Left-Turn</u> 0 0 0
21 - 30 21 - 40 1 - 50	4.9 22.0 12.2 15.9	4.0 21.0 17.1 10.9	1.9 24.3 11.2 16.8
1 - 60 L -70 L - 80 Teater than 80	8.5 14.6 12.2	7.9 17.1 15.1	15.9 20.6 8.4
	1.2	3.2 100.0%	0.9

Table 22 provides some in-sight into the activity of the pedestrian leading up to the accident.As shown, crossing with the signal is dominant for right and left turns. The data does not show any peculiar attribute of the pedestrian that can be identified as a causal factor when company right and left turning accidents. The'crossing against signal' population represents those pedestriants stuck in the 'through'crosswalk by turning vehicles. These accidents occurred close to the sidewalk and are included because the turning vehicle accidents characteristics are under study and not individual crosswalk accident experiences. These accidents are primarily 'dart out' accidents at the intersection, hence there are no identifiable differences between turning maneuvers.

Table 23 presents the police departments view of the cause of the accident. It should be noted that only about one-half of the records contained this information. The table does show one item of interest. For right turning accidents, the pedestrian and the vehicle share, almost equally, the blame(24.6% to 23.4%), however, for left-turning accidents, the vehicle was to blame for 62% (30.9% to 19.1%). Although the data is limited, this additional evidence identifies the driver/vehicle (as opposed to the pedestrian) as the prime source to be addressed in explaining the differences between left-turn and right-turn accidents.

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PEDESTRIAN ACTION	THROUGH	RIGHT-TURN	LEFT-TURN
Crossing with signal	37.5	84.9	87.2
Crossing against signal	36.3	7.6	5.5
Crossing:no signal	3.8	0.4	0.9
Crossing:no signal or cross-w	alk 1.3	0.4	0.9
Coming from behind parked car	2.5	0.4	1.8
Playing in roadway	0.0	0.0	0.9
Crossing road not at intersec	tion 5.0	0.4	0.0
Getting off/on bus	1.3	0.0	0.0
Working in roadway	2.5	0.8	0.9
Not in road	1.3	0.8	0.0
Other	7.5	4.4	1.8
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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TABLE 2	3-APPARENT C.	AUSE OF ACCIDEN	г
CAUSE	THROUGH	RIGHT-TURN	LEFT-TURN
Speed too fast Failing to keep right Failing to yield ROW to vehic Failing to yield ROW to pedes Pedestrian's action Other Hissing	1.2 0.0 cle 3.7 s'n 9.9 14.8 6.2 64.2	0.4 0.4 24.6 23.4 2.7 3.6 44.6	0.9 0.0 19.1 30.9 2.7 1.8 44.6
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

## Types of Physical Complaint and Injury

Most pedestrians involved in accidents complained of necks, hip upper leg or pelvis, knee, and in some cases, their entire body. Overall, nine persons hit by left-turns were rendered unconcious, compared to four for right-turns. As expected, the lower body was hit in almost all accidents. The results presented in Table 14 do indicate that only 1% of these accidents results in a fatality, which translates into a generally low speed impact. The analysis does not point out explicit methods of further reducing impact speed.

#### Parking

Data on parking regulation for each approach leg of each test intersection was collected to evaluate its effect on turning accidents. These regulations were classified into four types: bus stop, hydrant, parking meter and no-parking/no-standing. Table 23A summarizes the accident frequences for Jeft-turns and right-turns for each regulation type. Although the data is

limited, there does not appear to be any appreciable difference in percentage frequencies.

PARKING REGULATIONS	N	LE I <u>UMBER</u>	FT-TURNS FREQUENCY	N	RIG <u>UMBER</u>	HT-TURNS FREQUENCY
Rus Stop		18	18		4	15
Hydrant		18	18	1 U	5	19
Parking Meter		5	5	- 20	0	0
No parking/standing		<u>57</u>	59		17	66
	samples	98	100%	samples	26	100%

It should be noted that, most intersections had no legal parking but, there were usually vehicle standing or load/unloading goods. Given evidence of a general low speed maneuver(5 to 10 mph) and the above data, it is probably safe to conclude that parking is not a causal factor to be addressible by recommended changes.

#### Accident Location - Major or Minor Street

The project data base was analysed to determine whether left-turn versus right-turn accident ratios .varied with street width. The major streets in the project area have three or four travel lanes plus parking lanes. The minor streets have two travel lanes and parking lanes. Table 24 presents the findings for the project area data base.

	24-rajok/MINOR SI	REET ACCIDENT ANALYSIS
ACCIDENT TYPE	NUMBER MAJOR STREET	NUMBER MINOR STREET
left-turn	205	243
Right-turn	107	122
Ratio left-turn/right-turn	1.9	2.0

Table 24 indicates that the 2 to 1 relationship of left-turns to right turns exists for both major and minor streets. This implies that cross-walk length does not appear to be a causal factor affecting the difference between left-turn and right-turn accidents.

#### CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

#### Lighting

In addition to the analysis of time of day accidents in this chapter, further study was conducted to determine whether left-turn accidents were influenced by daylight, night-time or artificial lighting conditions. Daylight hours were assumed to be 6 A.M. to 7 P.M., while night-time was defined as 7 P.M. to 6 A.M. Table 25 presents the analysis.

TABLE	25 - DAY/NIGHT AN	ALYSIS
ACCIDENT	DAY	NIGHT
TYPE	( <u>6 A.M 7 P.M.</u> )	( <u>7 P.M 6 A.M.</u> )
Left-turns	395	97
Right-turns	224	36
Ratio Left-turns/Right-turns	1.8	2.7

Table 25 shows a difference in the left/right-turn ratios for the defined conditions and further substantiates the recommendation for increased lighting at these critical crosswalks. This finding if rectified, would account for 10-15% of the difference between left and right turning accident frequencies.

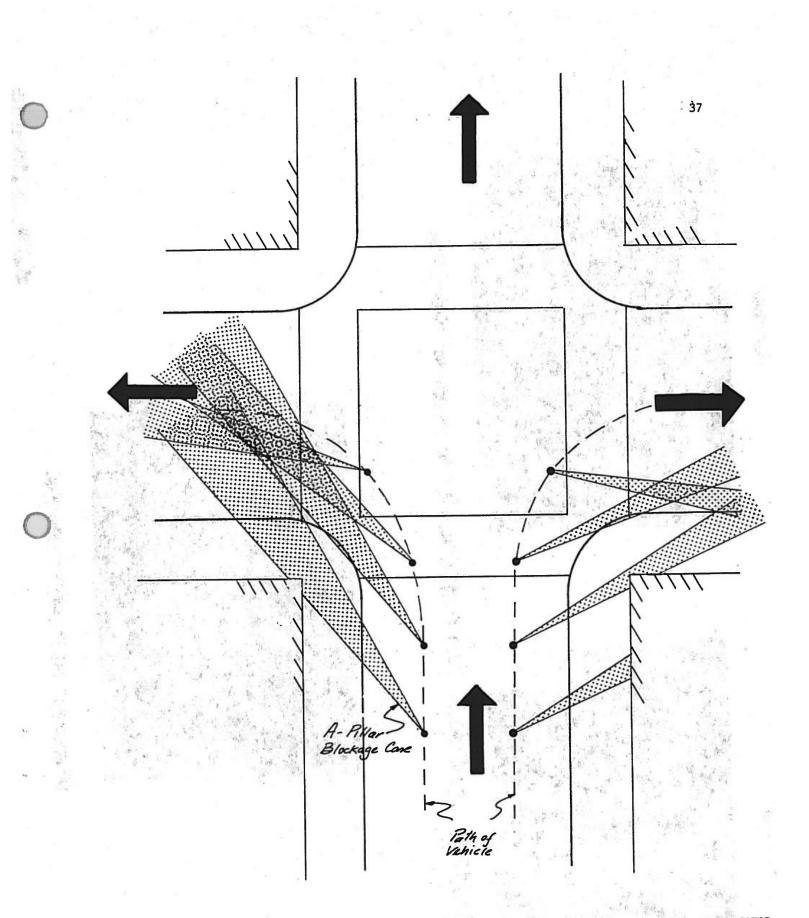
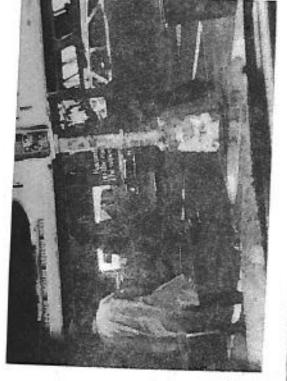


FIGURE 4. AVERAGE ROOF SUPPORT BLOCKAGE CONES

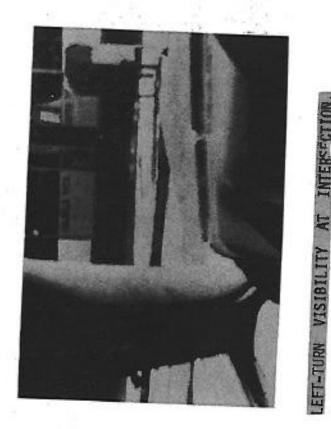
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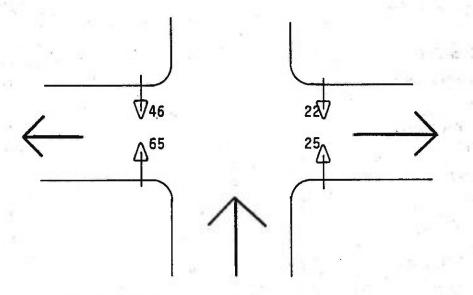
FIGURE 5 - DRIVER'S VIEW

INTERSFCTION.

#### Driver's Visibility & Vehicle Characteristics

Figure 4 sketches the visibility blockage resulting from the A-pillar roof supports for a typical driver and vehicle for intersection turning maneuvers. Figure 5 shows photographes taken from inside a standard size American car. The transition of the blockage cone as the vehicle approaches the intersection is different for left and right turns. For left turning the A-pillar blocks the near half of the crosswalk as the vehicle approaches. For right-turns, the blockage cone rarely, if ever, traverses the crosswalk.

Presumably, the transition of the blockage cone as the left-turn maneuver is being made could result in pedestrians, that are walking parallel to the vehicle, not being seen by the driver. Analyses of accidents by pedestrian walking direction is shown in Figure 6 (pedestrian walking direction was not reported in about 80% of the study area data set).



#### Figure 6. Pedestrian Walking Direction

The available data on pedestrian walking direction supports the hypothesis that there are critical visibility differences between left and right turns which increases accident potential. This hazard may be accentuated by pedestrians proceeding to the crosswalk from the cross street.

Make	Through	Right-turn	Left-turn
Dodge	13	7	
Checker	4	1	22
Chevrolet	9	2	7
Pontiac	3	1	9
Mercedes Benz	0	0	1
Ford	7	3	2
Plymouth	1	0	13
Oldsmobile	1	-	5
Opel	0	2	2
Volkswagen	2	0	2
uick	2	0	4
onda	1	1	2
aab	1	0	1
thers	15	0	0
		6	7
Totals	59	23	77

## TABLE 26 - VEHICLE CHARACTERISTICS

A surprising aspect of Figure 6 relates to the relatively high number of on-coming pedestrians that are struck by left-turning vehicles. It is assumed, and previous studies have suggested, that eye contact between pedestrians and drivers assist in reducing potential conflicts. Therefore, there should be other factors that address this problem. These are presented in 'Task Intensity' in the following section.

Figure 4 presented <u>average</u> conditions with respect to the A-pillar blockage cone. However, the closer the drivers eye is to the A-pillar (as in smaller cars) and the further to the left the driver sits (also in smaller cars), the farther into the crosswalk the A-pillar blockage cone will be projected possibly to the opposite side of the cross-walk. Therefore an analysis of vehicle model involved in accidents was conducted for the test data set. Table 26 shows the results. As the test data set is biased towards leftturns, and figures should be viewed in that context. However, the following findings can be made:

1) Automobile makes (1975 and older) that are dominated by ventwindow design (Volkswagen, Opel, Mercedes and the American built Checker) have 13 left-turning accidents to one right-turn accidents. This is another implication that driver visibility is the prime causal factor for such accidents and that improving visibility by elimination of vent-windows will have a positive safety benefit for this type of accident.

2) As most taxis are Dodges in New York City; the high 22 leftturning accident. statistic would be 'normal'for the sample set.

3) Although the accident data did not provide the model of each make (such as Ford "Pinto", Dodge"Polara"), it is not possible to identify the small cars among the American built samples. However, the known small car sample have 7 left-turns to no right-turning accidents, a very small sample on which to draw conclusions and additional data on this should provide more revealing results.

#### Task Intensity

To date, no studies have been conducted that specifically address task differences (and this effects) between left and right turning maneuvers at intersections. In its simplest sense, the left-turning task should be no more difficult than the right-turning task at one-way signalized intersections. If, in fact, the left-turning task is more complicated, does that

mean that it is more hazardous? Teicher's stress theory (4) contradicts Hebb's arousal theory (5) in this regard. More recent work by Bartz (6) supports Hebb's theory that, as the central task complexity goes up (e.g., left-turning maneuver), reaction time goes down for peripheral detection (eg., seeing and reacting to hazardous situations). Might we then conclude based on Bartz' and Hebb's works the possibility exists that drivers consider the left-turn maneuver to be easier than the right-turn maneuver. Previous

research on human factors do not provide the basis for a definite statement. Apart from all the general driver task requirements as the vehicle traverses a street system, there is a specific task that occurs for vehicles involved in turning maneuvers. The driver must shift attention from the traffic signal to the crosswalk and back to the signal several times before actually turning. Figure 7 depicts the process for left-turning vehicles. As the driver gets closer to the intersection, the angle ' $\propto$  ' becomes larger, and thus the time between successive observations of the crosswalk increases. A previous study (7) has shown that performance is more sensitive to the interfield internal (time between observations) than display duration (time target is being viewed). As the interfield interval goes up, performance goes down. The research team considers this driver task as a contributing factor to the high number of head on (see Figure 6) accidents with pedestrian in the turning crosswalks (both left and right-turns). Combining this task with the visual handicaps of the left-turning maneuver accentuates the leftturning accident problem. The objective then would be to reduce, through environmental changes, the inter-field interval where possible (Chapter 4

## Driver's Eye Movements

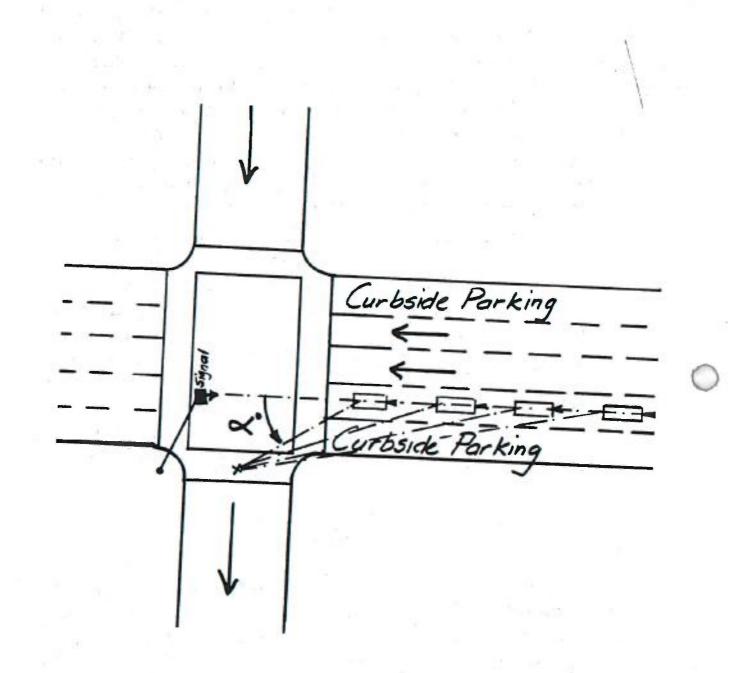
The research team was not able to collect data on eye movements while turning maneuvers were made. The only research conducted on this subject was recently completed (8) and the results bear mentioning in this report. The study was not done for intersection maneuvers, but for highway curve negotiation in normal driving. The findings were that, on horizontal curves, driver search pattern on the right and on the left are not symmetrical. Visual excrusion to the right was far greater than to the left on curve negotiation. During right curve negotiation, 55% of the time the drivers eye was fixed to the right of 'head on'. During left curve negotiations, only 38% of the time was the drivers eye fixed to the left of 'head on'. The mean fixation on the right

was 3.6° during right-curve negotiation, compared to only 0.5° to the left during left curve negotiation. Why this imbalance occurs is not stipulated, but is probably from driving habits developed by experience. One hypothesis could be that this habit was developed because drivers consider the left turn maneuver to be 'easier', therefore requiring less attention. Surely, during intersection maneuvers, the driver is'closer to the action' for the left-turn. Might it be, as evidenced from the above curve negotiation findings, that drivers concentrate less, look less, have shorter target fixation when negotiating left-turning maneuvers at one-way intersections because they consider it easier.

Appendix 1 shows some summary statistics gathered from English accident experience. Bearing in mind that the English drive on different sides of the road, the statistics seem remarkably consistent with the U.S. experience, except, right-turning accidents are the problems. This English experience eliminates two potential causal factors from considerations: (1) that pedestrians look over different shoulders differently while crossing and therefore contribute to the problem and (2) there is a basic human characteristic (not habit) that controls these types of accidents. What the English data does lead the research team to conclude is that identification and solution of the U.S. problem will also reduce the incidence of English accidents as well.

#### SUMMARY

It can be satisfactorally concluded that there is no <u>single</u> contributing factor that explains the incidence difference between left and right turning accidents at intersections. However, <u>target detection and driver</u> <u>concentration</u> show up in the analysis as being the area that would provide the highest payoff if remedial actions are made. These include improved driver visibilty, reduced inter field interval and driver education. These items, and other potential solutions are presented in Chapter 4.



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FIGURE 7. EYE MOVEMENT ANGLE FOR TURNING MANEUVER

#### CHAPTER 4

#### SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The purpose of this study is to explore causal factors that explain why left-turn vehicles pedestrian accidents are twice as frequent as right-turn accidents on one-way street networks. This research is also intended to provide direction for needed future research in this area.

The project data base was quite limited for various reasons: (1) low number of accidents per intersection, (2) incompleteness of recorded information on accident reports, and (3) missing information on key variables, i.e. those related to the vehicle, driver and pedestrian. However, the data base verified the 2:1 relationship left-turn vs. right-turn in accident frequency. The left-turn vehicle pedestrian accident is a major problem on one-way street networks and should be fully addressed.

Chapter 3 developed various causal theories relating to driver visibility and concentration. It is certainly desirable to acquire additional data related to these specific items, however, this report makes its recommendations on the basis of the present data and its analysis.

The recommendations presented below relate to changes in the various system components that define this problem:

- The driver
- The pedestrian
- The vehicle
- The environment

Several of these recommendations are implementable in the short-term and others are long term objectives including research needs.

#### The Driver

The involvement of the driver and related contributing circumstances can only be addressed and corrected through increased awareness of the potential hazards. Interpretation of the English experiences with high right-turning accidents makes the research team conclude that improving driver awareness, and therefore driver habits, would provide a meaningful reduction

in these types of accidents.

Therefore, state driver instruction manuals should immediately present a definition of the problem and countermeasures to reduce involvement. These countermeasures include:

- driver awareness of vehicle sight line deficiences
- driver needs to 'look around' roof support (this also increases concentration)
- slower turning speeds

Driver education programs should also address the left-turn problem in detail, with photographs of interior visibility restrictions and the resultant need to exercise additional caution during turning maneuvers.

Potential future research with respect to the driver should be coordinated with angle of sight research to improve visibility. This would include testing fixation angles <u>during intersection maneuvers</u> to coordinate this with vehicle design modifications.

#### The Pedestrian

The role of the pedestrian in explaining differences in left and right turning accidents has not been identified. This research has no recommendation that can be forwarded that would change (improve) pedestrian performance to reduce accidents. Potential remedies to the pedestrian system are presented in the Environment'section of this chapter.

#### The Vehicle

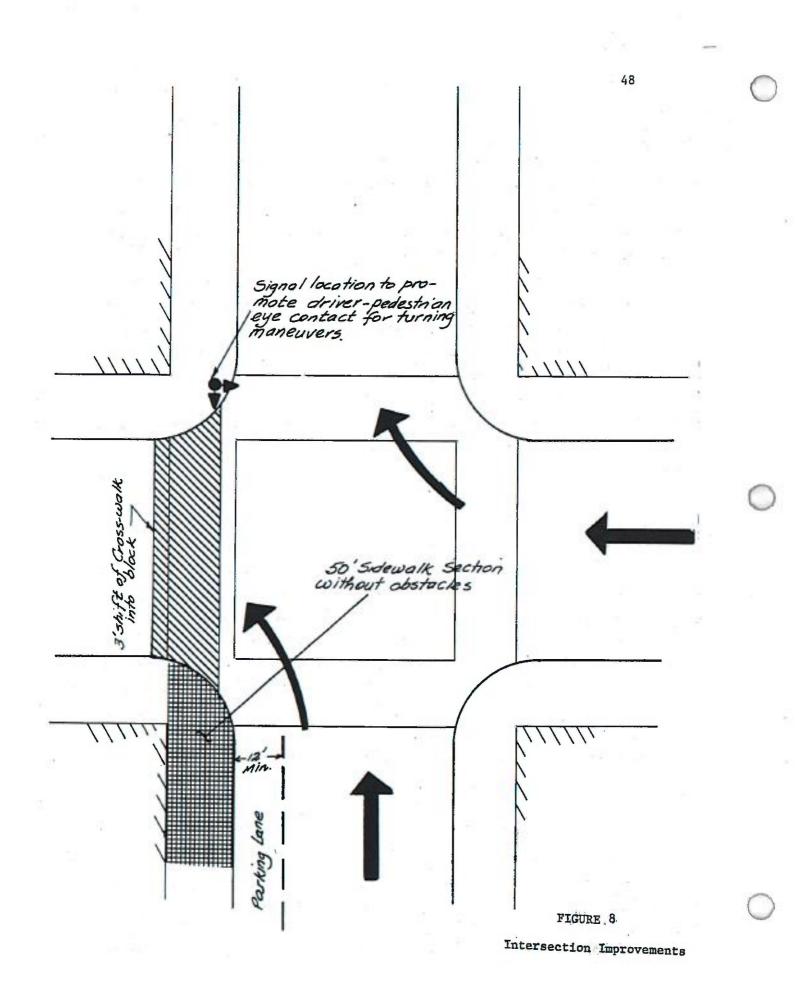
Changing vehicle design would be the most direct but most difficult to accomplish. The ideal improvement in visibility would be to design left-turn sight angles to be identical to right-turn angles shown on Figure 4. This can be accomplished by a combination of improvements: moving the driver's seat closer to the center of the car, increasing the size of the windshield, reducing the thickness of the A-pillar, increasing the distance from the drivers eye to the A-pillar, better design of windshield wiper to reduce water (and dust) building up near the A-pillar, elimination of vent-window design. Specific design study(s) should be conducted to fix the various desired standards related to the above improvements and coordinate these features with driver eye movements. However, the angle from the head-on view to the beginning of the blockage cone should ideally be increased from the current average of about  $30^\circ$  to  $60^\circ$ - $65^\circ$  in order to achieve the desired safety benefits.

#### The Environment

There are several implementable strategies that can change the pedestrian-vehicle accident system. These include primarily traffic engineering techniques. Some are listed below.

<u>Signal Location</u>. It is recommended that an additional signal be mounted on the left far side on the sidewalk (see Figure 8) in order that transition of driver eye from signal to crosswalk will be minimized before and during the turning maneuver and therefore increase the probability of seeing the pedestrian in the driver's vision periphery, increase the probability of correctly judging walking speed of the pedestrian, and increase the opportunity for eye contact with on-coming pedestrians. The signal location shown achieves these objectives for both Fight and left turns.

<u>Crosswalks:</u> It is a subjective assumption that crosswalk design would affect 'frequencies of accidents. In most cases the driver cannot really distinguish the driver cannot really distinguish the turning crosswalk until he has begun the maneuver (about 40-50' away). Studies done on crosswalk design (zebra, stripe, etc.) addressed the 'through'crosswalk and even the findings of these studies contradict each other. Helms' (9) study shows more accidents



in painted crosswalks, but a very detailed Israeli study (10) showed that vehicles slowed down or stopped more frequently for crossing pedestrians when the crossing task place in a marked crosswalk.

The farther out into the roadway the vehicle begins the turning maneuver, the earlier will potential 'lost'pedestrians reappear. This implies striping the left-most travel lane 12 to 15 feet from curbside and in addition, moving the left-turn cross-walk about 3' into the block will also afford some additional reaction time (see Figure 8.) At these slow turning speeds, small dimensional changes can be translated into realizable benefits.

<u>Sidewalk Visibility</u> - The fifty foot sidewalk sections upstream of the left-turn crosswalk must be well illuminated. In addition a minimum number of objects such as light stantions, signs, trees, etc. should be located in these sections. Parking regulations need not be affected (see Figure 8).

#### RESEARCH NEEDS

This study on turning movement accident experience has shown <u>visibility and attention</u> of the driver to be the key areas for countermeasure improvements. However, vehicle design modifications and driver training do not provide results in the 2-3 year period. Several of the environmental recommendations are implementable in the short-term.

Small scale demonstration projects with 'before and after' analysis should be conducted to assess the quantitative effects of the environmental countermeasures.

A more basic research need relates to <u>traffic engineering</u> improvements and their effects on pedestrian safety. Signal location, signal progression speeds, bicycle lanes, reversible lanes, bus stop locations, all of the basic strategies are carried out with little or no regard to the related pedestrian accident experience. Even the nationally implemented right-turn-on-red program was not adequately analyzed for <u>quantitative</u> effects. The relationship between traffic engineering strategies and pedestrian safety are in need of quantification.

As a result of this study, efforts should be made to develop standards for minimum and desirable lines of sight for turning movements at intersections. Vehicle modifications to improve visibility should have the largest long-term beneficial effects. Research projects defined to achieve their objectives should be pursued.

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#### APPENDIX

1. S. Older's Letter to J. Fruin

2. Traffic Count Sheet

3. Pedestrian Count Sheet

4. Typical Intersection Count Finished Sheet

5. Traffic Volume Count

6. Pedestrian Volume Count



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#### Dear Mr Fruin

1. Many thanks for your letter of June 19. As you surmise it has been noted that more right turning vehicles than left turning vehicles are involved in accidents with pedestrians at intersections in this country. The following figure give the number of such accidents involving fatal or serious injury in urban areas in 1968 at the two most common junction layouts.

Layout	Vehicle manoeuvre	Signal Controlled	Non signal controlled
T or Y	Turning right	22 (8.5%)	273(3.3%)
	Turning left	13 (5.0%)	131 (1.6%)
Crossroads	Turning right	75(6.3%)	58 (3.1%)
	Turning left	49 (4.1%)	34 (1.8%)

You will see that the average ratio of right to left turning vehicles is just less than 2 : 1. The percentage in brackets are of all fatal or serious accidents involving a pedestrian at the junction, showing that turning vehicles are not the major problem to pedestrians at intersections.

2. I have some doubt that the preponderance of the right turning vehicle over the left turning one can be explained solely on the grounds of obscuration by the right hand windscreen pillar as you suggest. My own opinion is that the right turn driver has more conflicting traffic movements to attend to than the left turner and that this is more likely to distract him from observing possible pedestrian movement. At a signal controlled junction for example the left turner has to consider as possible hazards only the crossing pedestrians; without signal control he usually has in addition to merge with only one stream of vehicles.

3. It may also be true, although I can quote no evidence, that the pedestrian is less likely to scan for the right turn vehicle, which at the conflict point may be travelling faster than the left turn vehicle.

John J Fruin PhD

Our reference TB/417/450/01

Date July 1972

4. In short I would consider differences in the complexity of the manoeuvres to be more important explanatory variables than obscuration due to the windscreen pillar.

5. In concluding may I say that we find your book "Pedestrian planning and design" very useful, informative and interesting to read and hope that it achieves a wide readership.

Yours, sincerely

S J OLDER

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8:30-8:45	32	312	4:00-4:15	18	320
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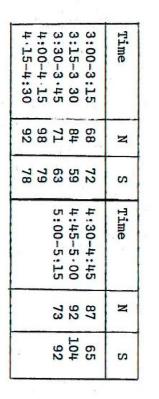
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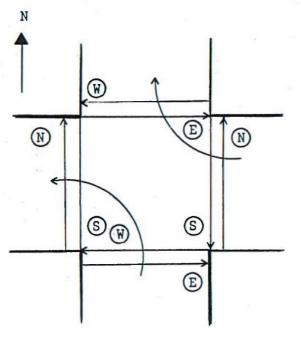
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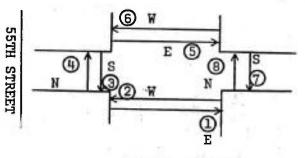
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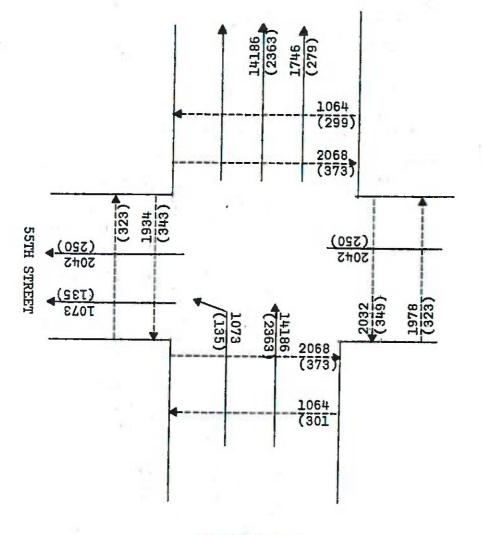
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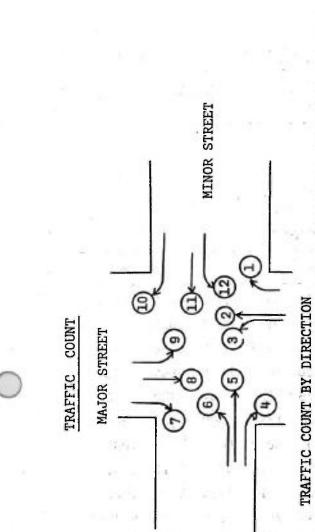
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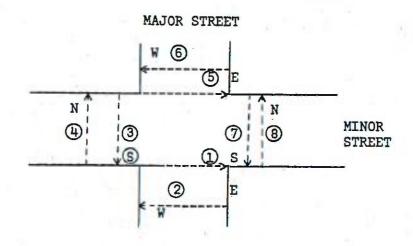
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lst Ave. & 4th St	. 298	292	756	776	292	294	748	776	
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Broadway & 57th S	t. 9722	8754	7912	6932	9772	8754	7912	6932	
8th Ave. & 49th S	t. 702	526	964	964	614	1190	1404	2458	
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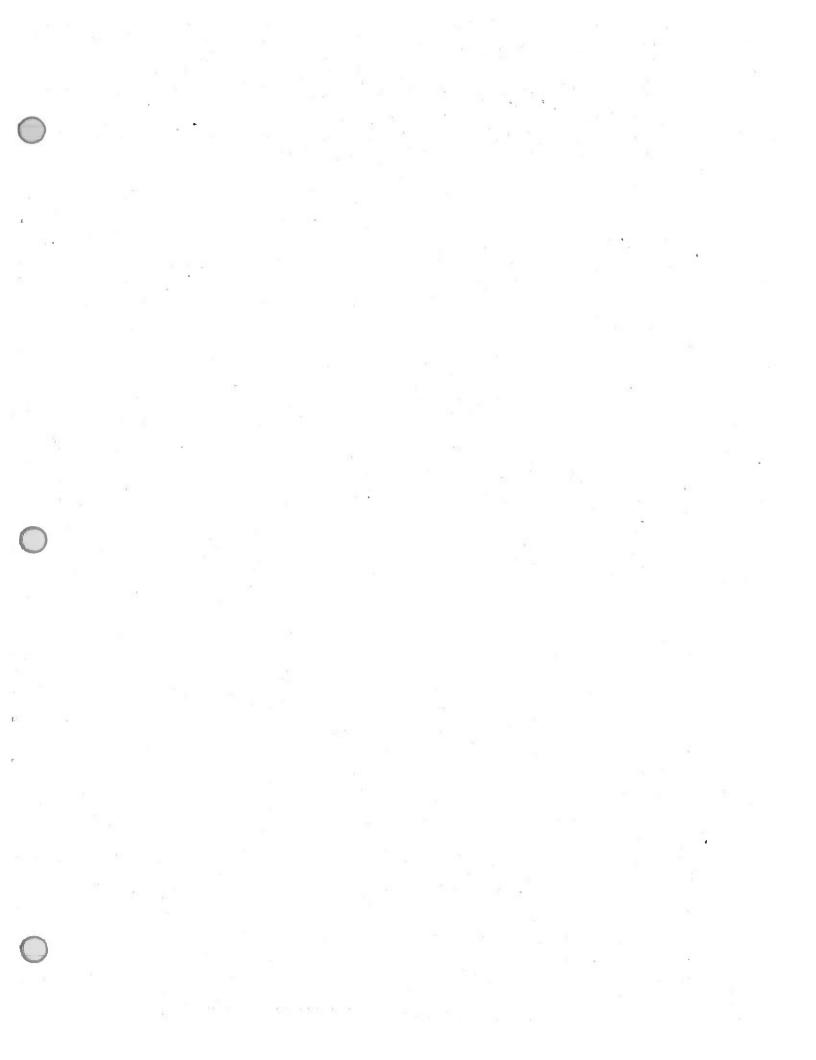
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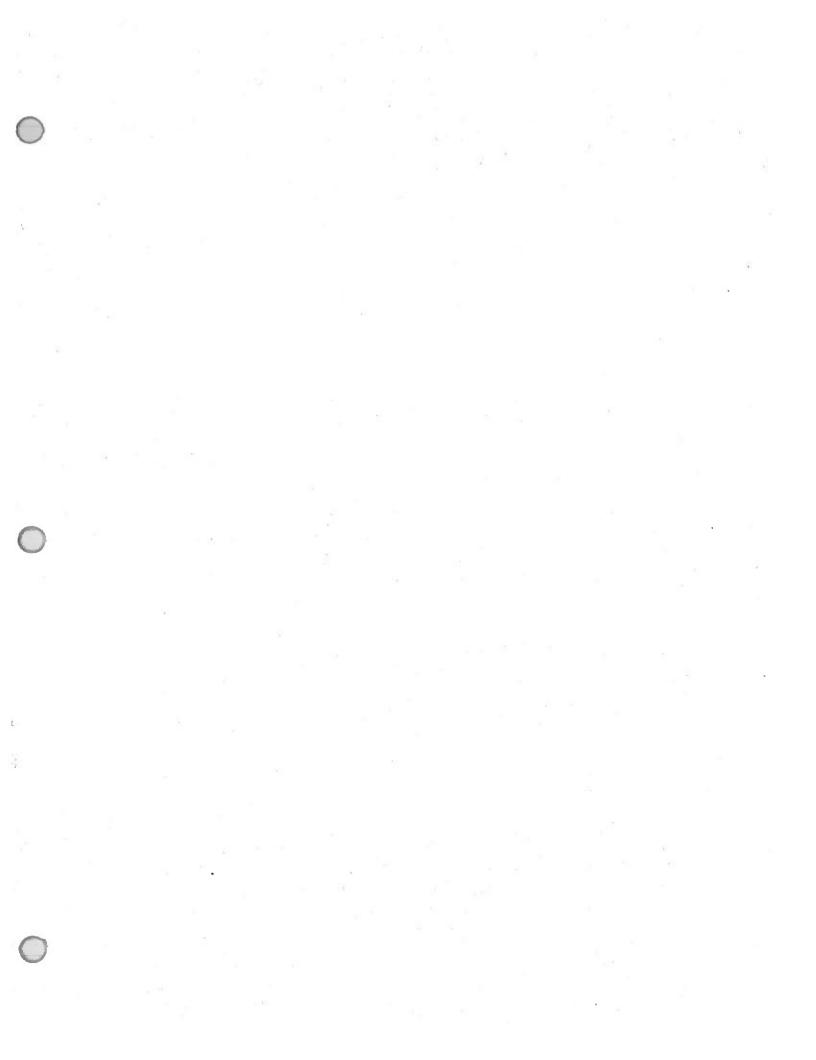
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