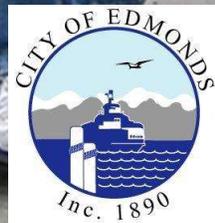


Pedestrian Safety Workshop



Agenda

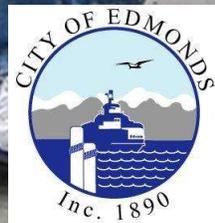
- Welcome and Introduction
- Walking and Seniors: Safety and Transportation
- Watching Out for Us! Skills for Safe Walking
- The Walking Environment
- Taking an Observational Walk
- Discussion and Next Steps





Walking

Safety and Transportation



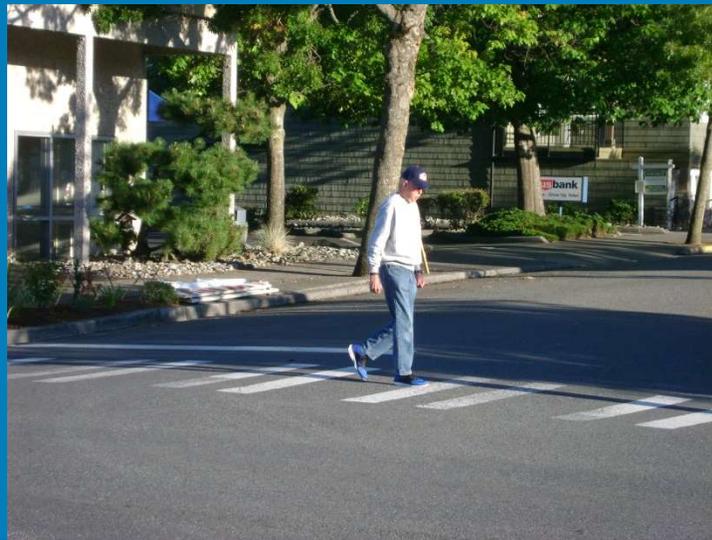
Why focus on seniors?

- A growing part of the population
- Less likely to drive
- More likely to get hit by vehicles when walking



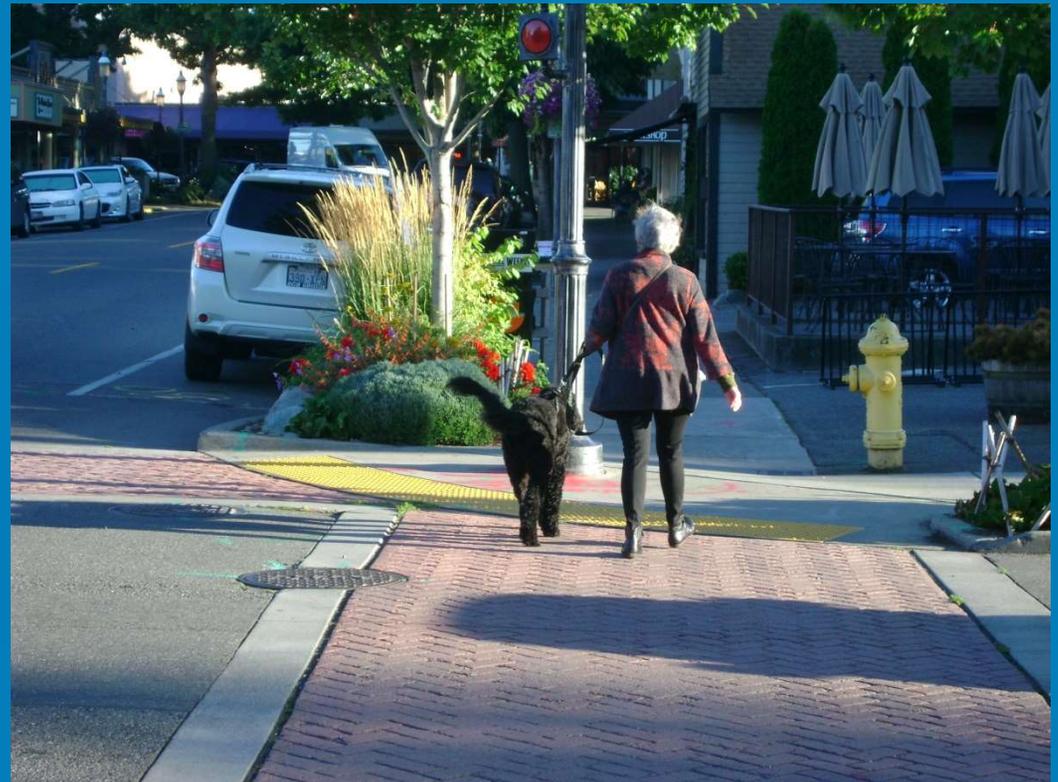
Why focus on seniors?

- More likely to walk than do other types of physical activity
- Less likely to meet weekly physical activity recommendations



Addressing the realities of aging

- Vision
- Hearing
- Cognition
- Physical mobility
- Falls



Safety Factors

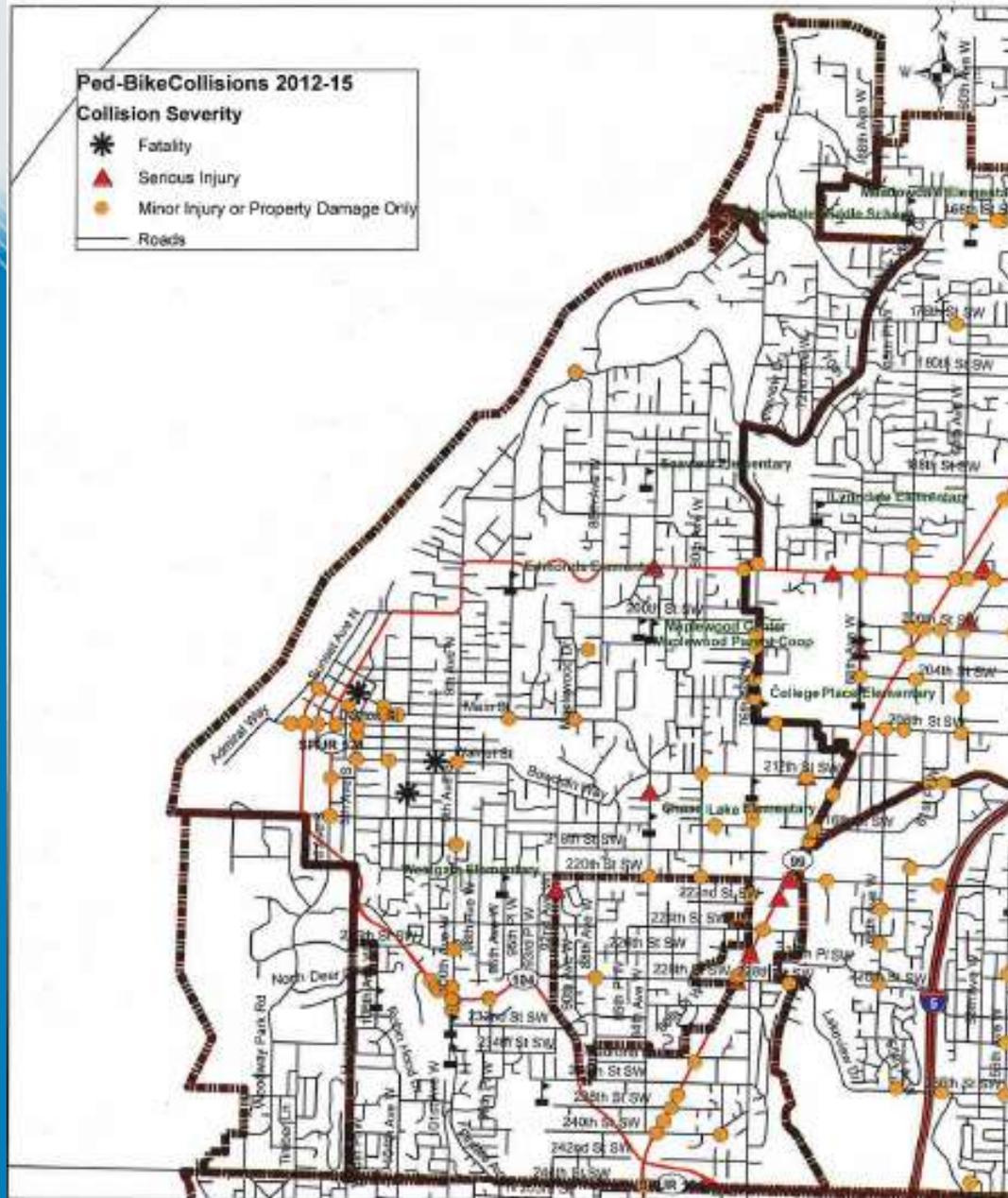
- Pedestrian behavior
- Driver behavior
- Walking environment



Community partnership

- Pedestrians taking control of their safety
- Communities understanding unsafe behaviors and conditions and identifying strategies to improve them.
- Everyone encouraging more people to walk more

Collisions Involving Pedestrians and Bicyclists Edmonds, 2012-2015



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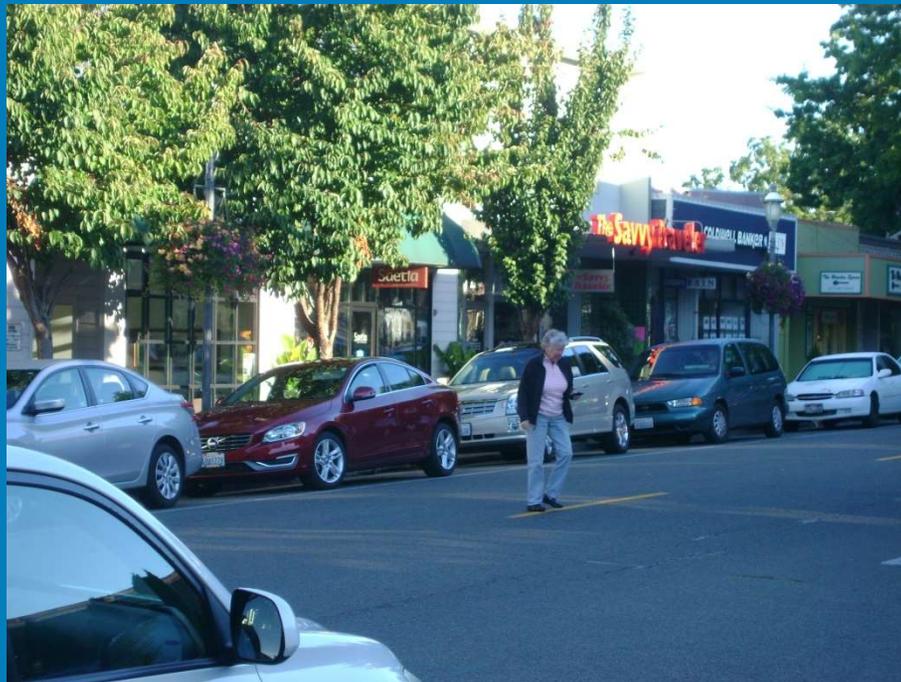
Watching Out for Us!

Skills for Safe Walking



Walkers need to know . . .

- What are the situations that increase the chances of being hit by a car
- How we can improve those situations



What situations

1. Intersections

2. Backing vehicles

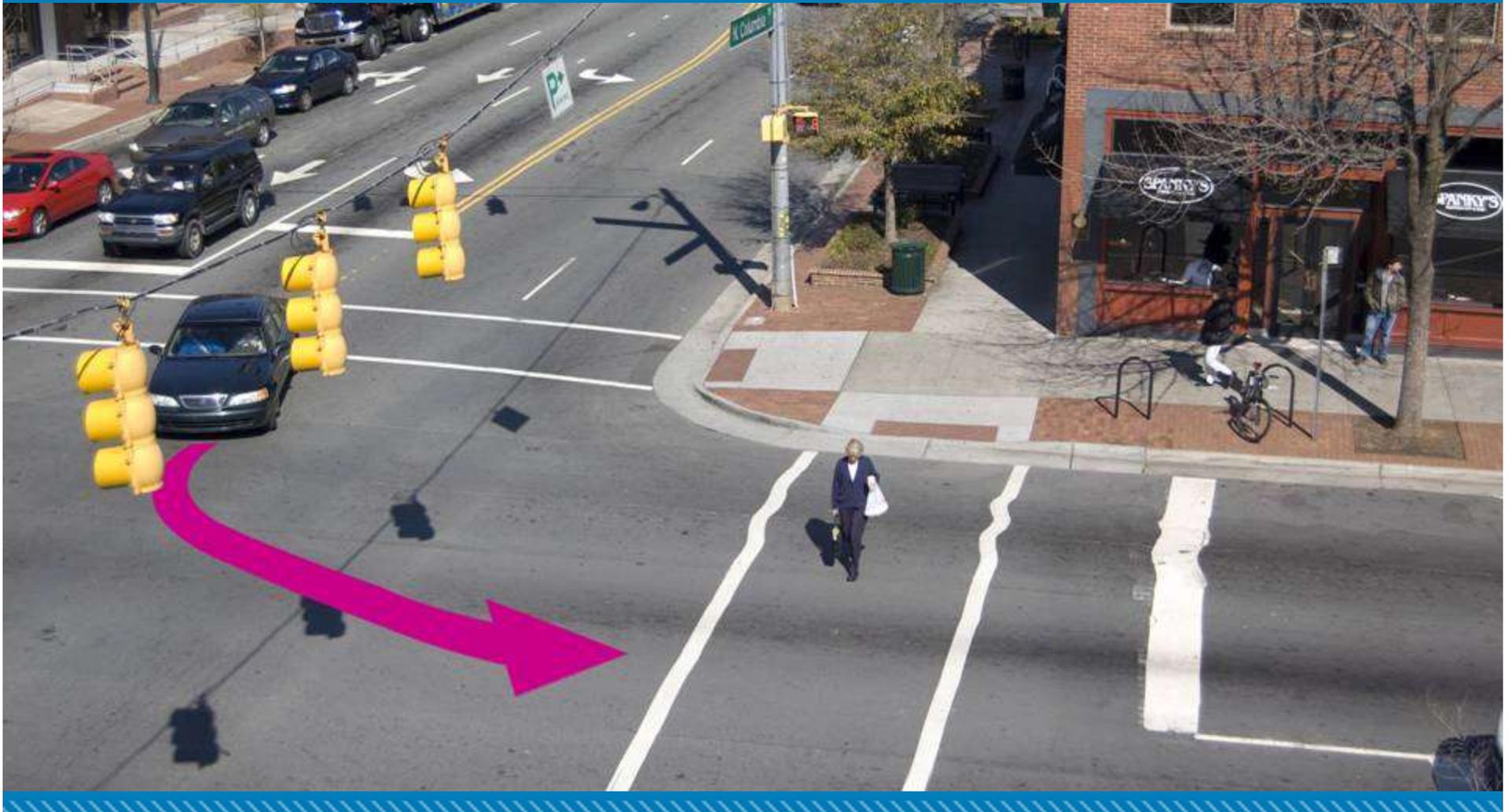
3. Drivers not seeing you

4. Too much trust in the system



INTERSECTIONS

What: Turning vehicles



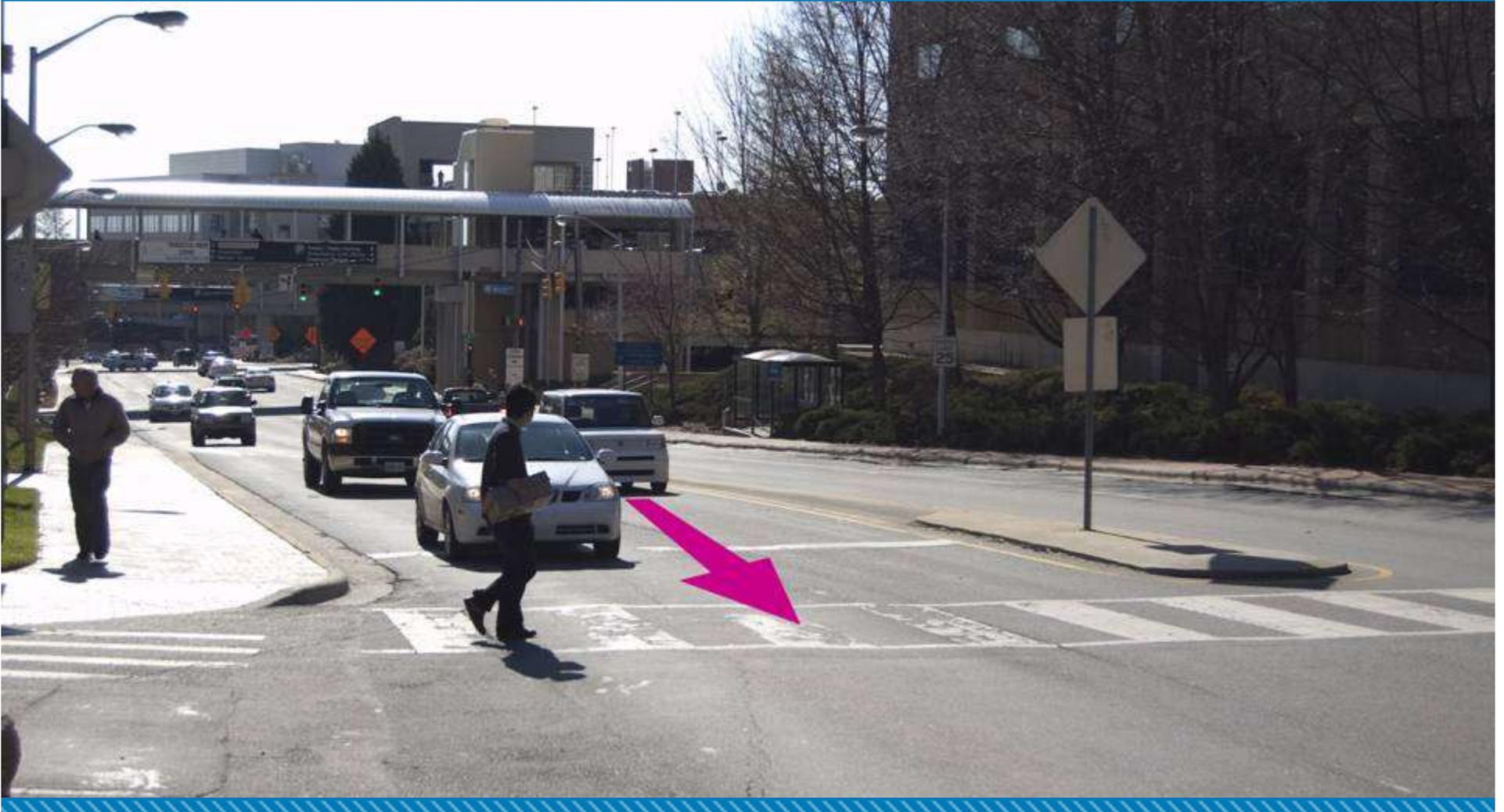
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What: When stepping off the curb / stay in crosswalk



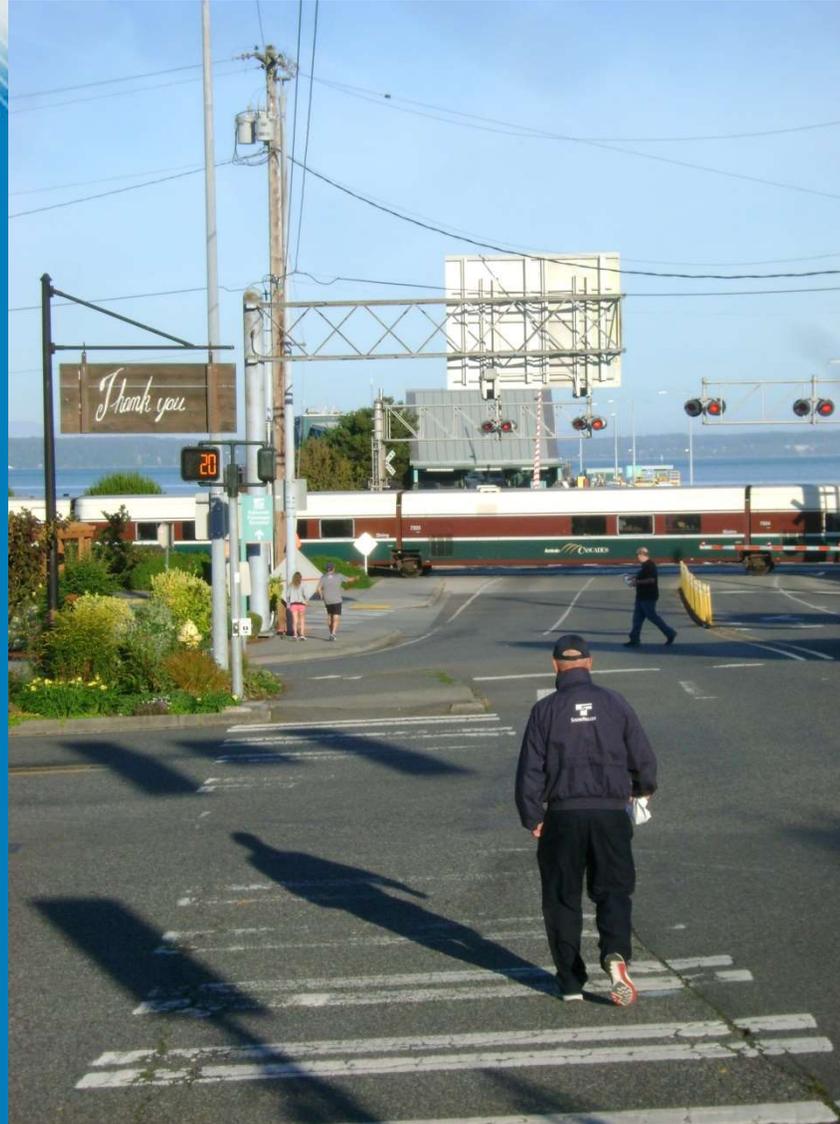
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What: Visual screens



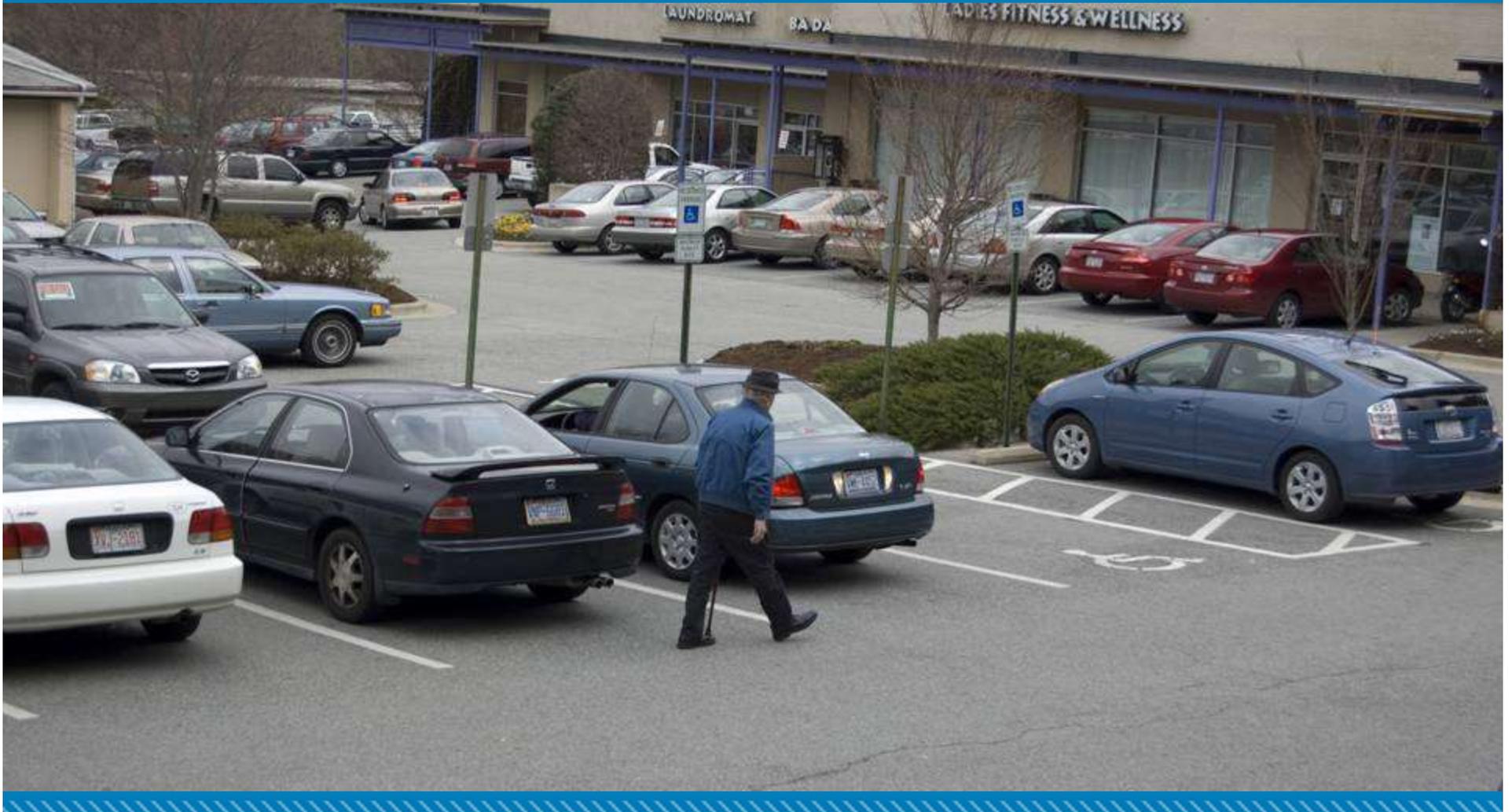
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What: Crossing time at signals



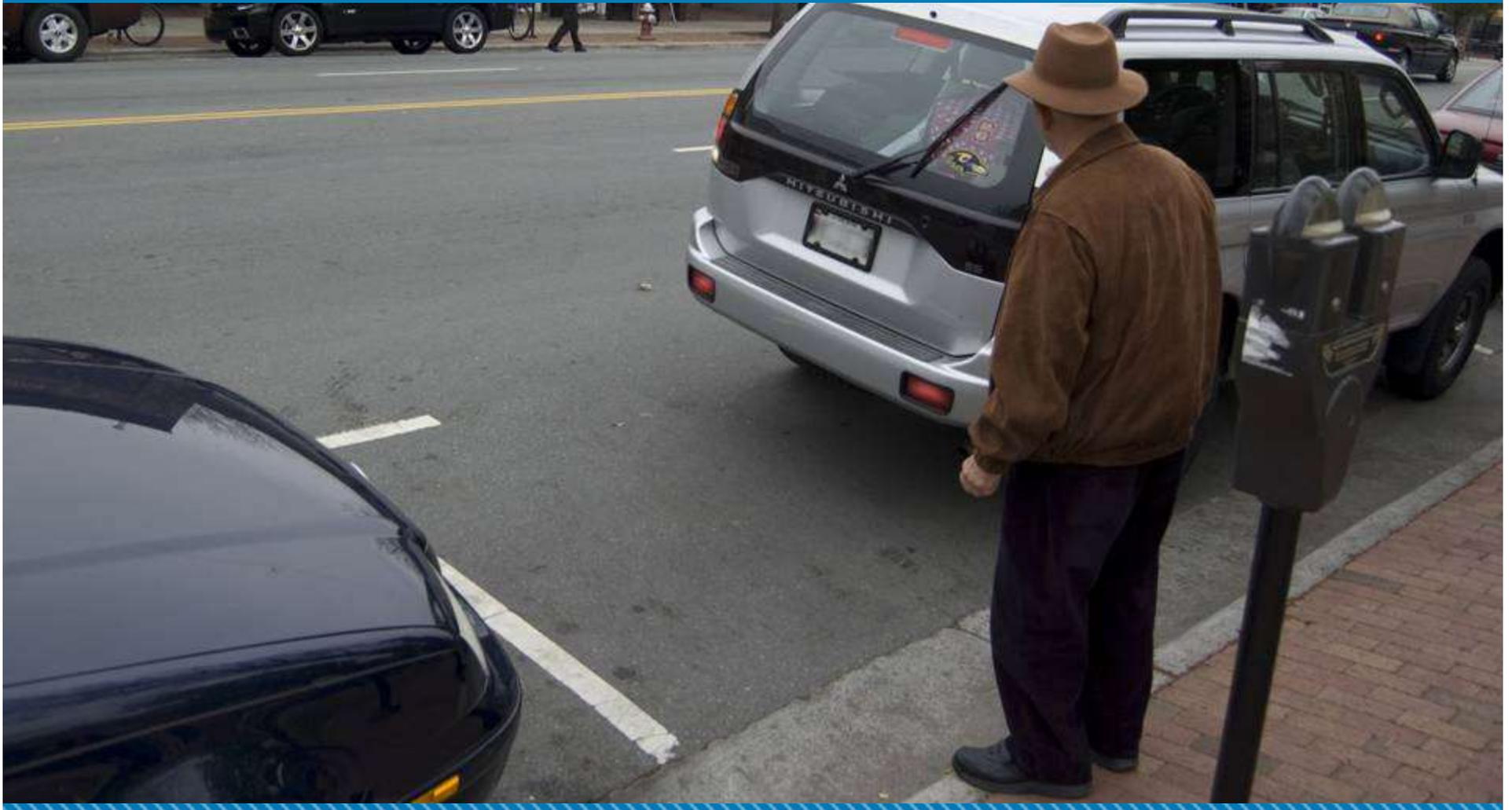
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What: Parking lots



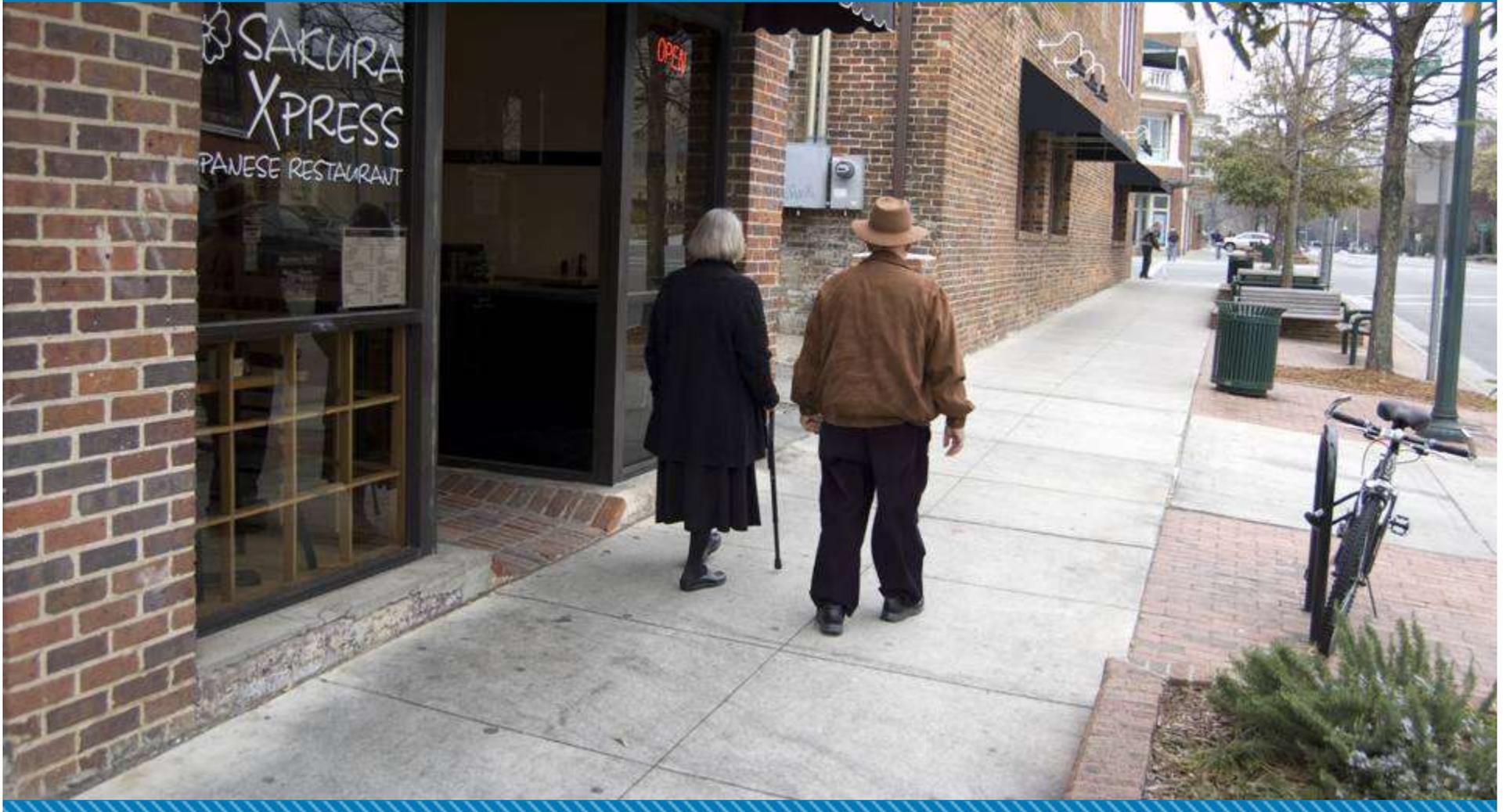
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What: Crossing behind parked cars



BACKING VEHICLES

What: Driveways / Alleys



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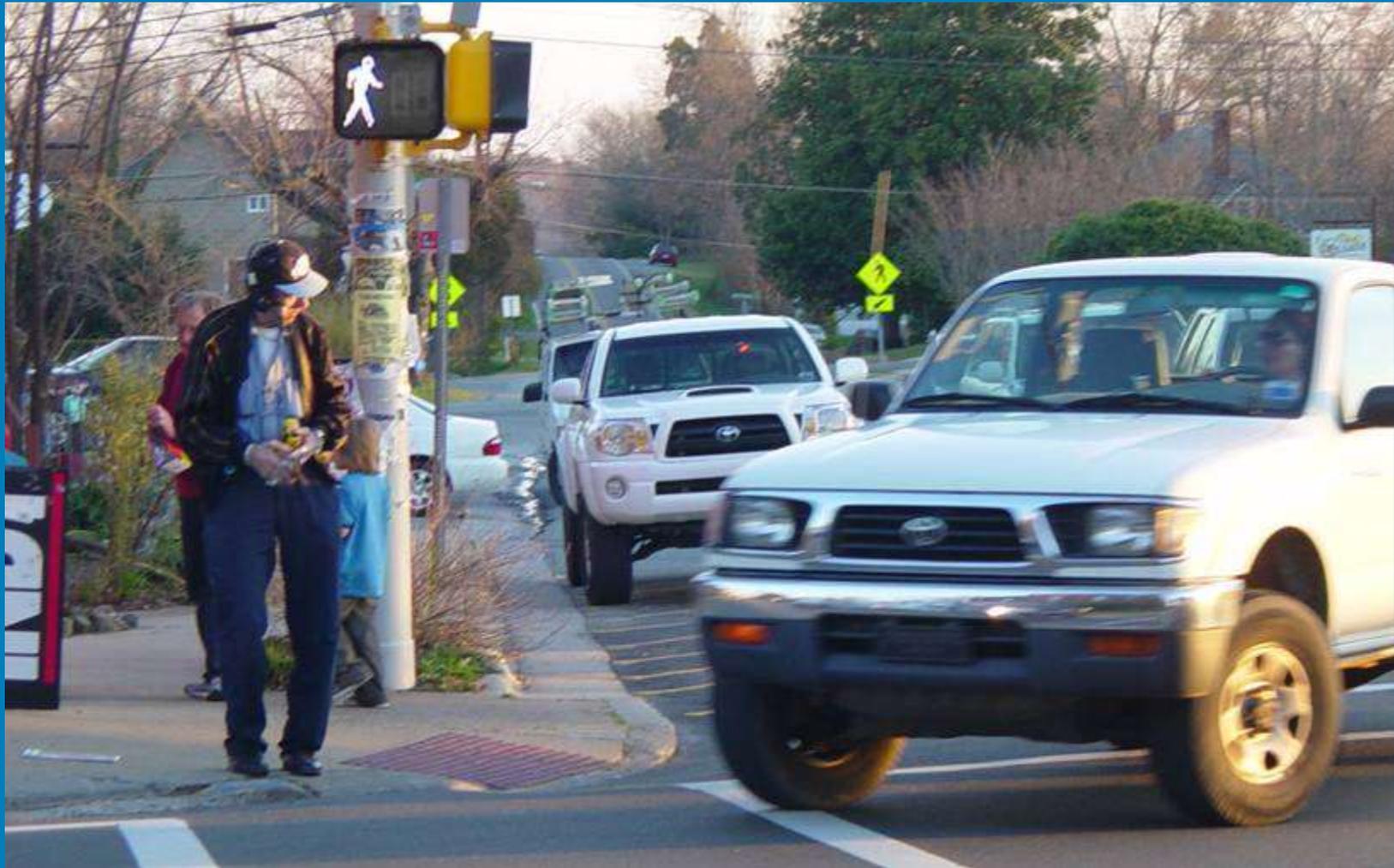
DRIVERS NOT SEEING YOU

What: Distraction, low lighting



TOO MUCH TRUST IN THE SYSTEM

What: Take control of your own safety

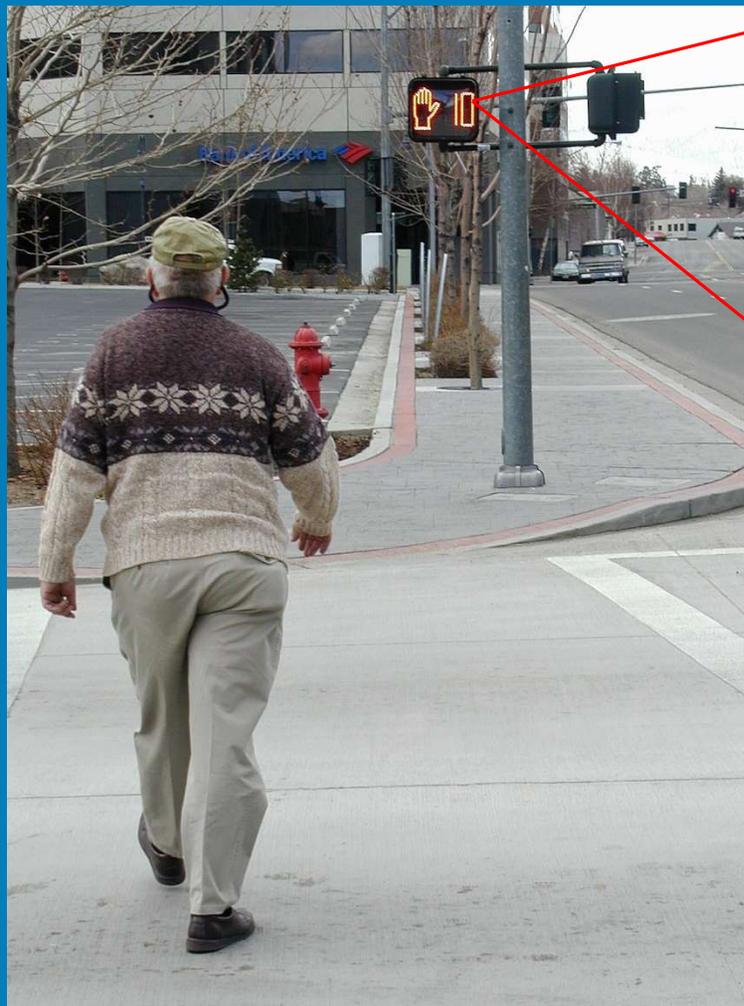


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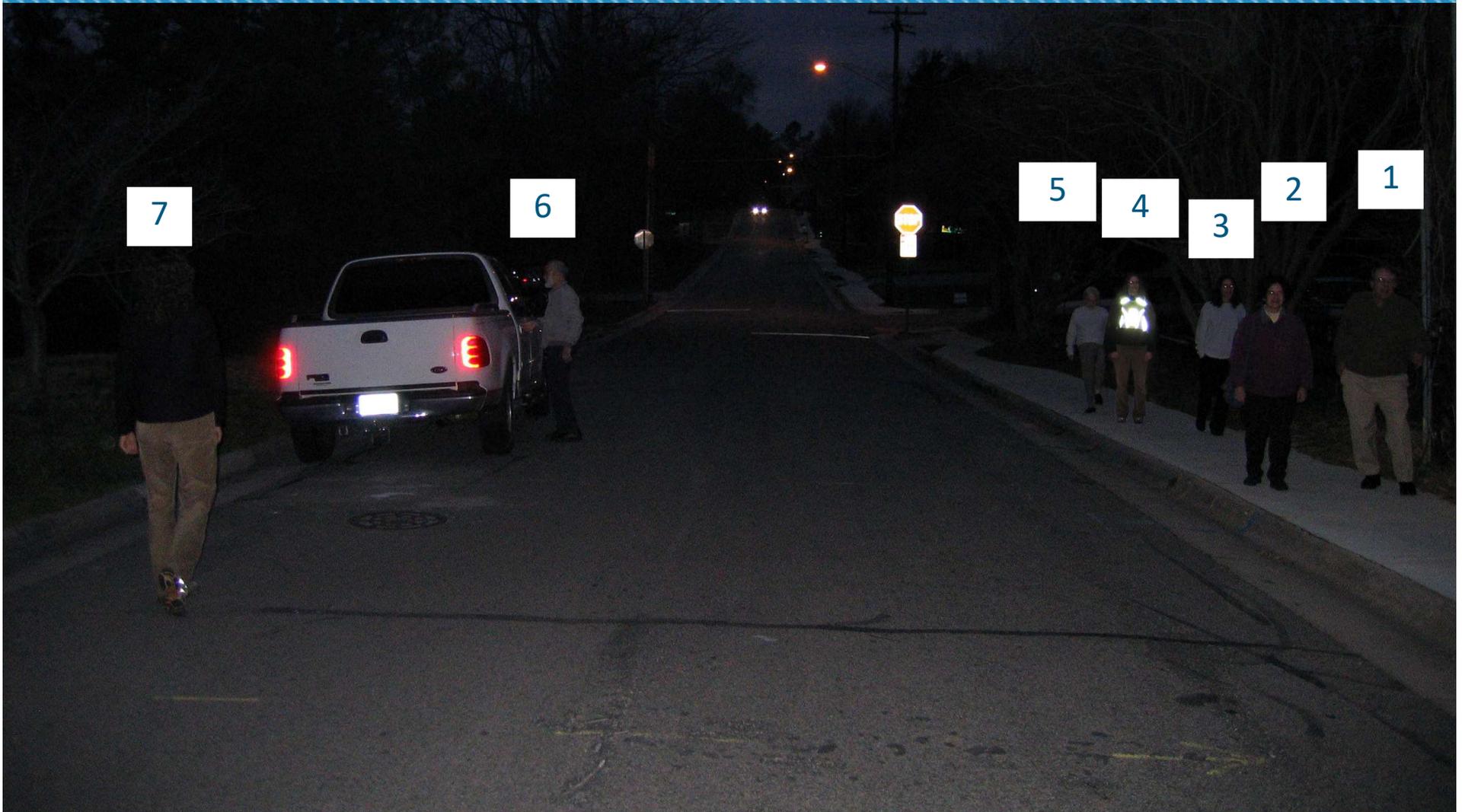
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How many pedestrians do you see?



How many pedestrians do you see?



Recalling the basics

- Before crossing, look **left, right, left** and **all around** for cars
- Walk on the sidewalk
- When there's no sidewalk, walk facing traffic
- Stay in crosswalk



Walking in groups

- Greater visibility
- Look out for each other
- Help overcome limitations
- Fun and friendships
- Encourages more walking



Summary

- Be alert at intersections
- Watch for backing vehicles
- Be seen
- Double check the system
- Choose carefully where you walk
- Recognize how you're feeling



Completing the Picture (Education)



Education: Who needs pedestrian safety education?

1. Pedestrians of all ages
2. Drivers
3. Neighborhood residents
4. Elected officials and decision makers



Safety messages for drivers

- Pedestrians are an important part of the transportation system
- Speed matters: 5 mph difference can be deadly
- Driver mistakes are costly for pedestrians
 - Make complete stops
 - Avoid distractions
 - Expect pedestrians



Discussion

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- Driver behavior
- Physical environment



For more information

- www.walkinginfo.org
- www.nhtsa.gov/Pedestrians
- <http://www.pedbikeinfo.org>
- <http://www.cdc.gov/features/pedestriansafety/>

Summary

This training addressed:

- Common situations where older pedestrians get hit by cars
- How pedestrians can help protect themselves
- Driver behavior
- Physical environment
- Seeing things for yourself

QUESTIONS ???