# Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress 

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## "Blergh"

- The internal dialogue of parents everywhere while crossing busy roads with small children



## stress

 matters
## Measure the level of traffic stress

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How stressed out are you?
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Why are you stressed out?
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Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress


## Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress

- Traffic volume
- Number of vehicle lanes, as a proxy for crossing distance
- Functional classification
- Posted speed limit
- Traffic control device
- Mid-block crossing locations
- Pedestrian crossing island



## Ped LTS - Criteria for Local / Collector Unsignalized Crossings

Observed 85th Percentile Speed (MPH)
Total Lanes Crossed
1 Lane* 2 Lanes 3 lanes 4+ lanes

| $\leq 25 \mathrm{mph}$ | PLTS 1 | PLTS 1 | PLTS 1 | PLTS 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 |  | PLTS 2 | PLTS 2/1** | PLTS 3 |
| 35 | PLTS 2 | PLTS 2 | PLTS 3/2** | PLTS 3 |
| $\geq 40$ | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 4 |

Notes: $\quad$ PLTS $=$ Pedestrian Level of Traffic Stress

* For example, a one-lane, one-way street
** if pedestrian crossing island is present, the lower PLTS score
is assigned


## Ped LTS - Crossing Infrastructure

| Without median refuge | Observed 85 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Percentile Speed (MPH) | Total Lanes Crossed |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | 2 Lanes |  |  | 3+ Lanes |  |  |
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| NME= | $\leq 25 \mathrm{mph}$ | PLTS 2 | PLTS 2 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 4 |
| 7 | 30 | PLTS 2 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 4 |
|  | 35 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 |
|  | $\geq 40$ | PLTS 3 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 |

Maximum Through/Turn Lanes Crossed per Direction


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| Observed 85th | 1 Lane |  | 2 Lanes |  |  | 3 + Lanes |  | 4+ Lanes |
| Percentile Speed (MPH) | Any | $\begin{gathered} <5,000 \\ \text { vpd } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5,000- \\ 9,000 \mathrm{vpd} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} >9,000 \\ \text { vpd } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} <8,000 \\ \text { vpd } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8,000- \\ 12,000 \mathrm{vpd} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} >12,000 \\ \text { vpd } \end{gathered}$ | Any |
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| 35 | PLTS 2 | PLTS 2 | PLTS 2 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 |
| $\geq 40$ | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 |

## Ped LTS - Crossing Infrastructure

| With median refuge | Maximum Through/Turn Lanes Crossed per Direction |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Observed 85 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Percentile Speed (MPH) | 1 Lane Any | 2 Lanes |  |  | 3 + Lanes |  |  | 4+ Lanes <br> Any |
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|  | $\geq 40$ | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 3 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 | PLTS 4 |


| With all-way stop or RRFB | Observed 85 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Percentile Speed (MPH) | 2 Lanes |  |  | 3 + Lanes |  |  |
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|  |  | < 5,000 vpd | $\begin{gathered} 5,000- \\ 9,000 \text { vpd } \end{gathered}$ | >9,000 vpd | $\begin{gathered} <8,000 \\ \text { vpd } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8,000- \\ 12,000 \text { vpd } \end{gathered}$ | > 12,000 vpd |
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## Ped LTS - Crossing Infrastructure

Total Lanes Crossed

| $\leq 5$ | PLTS 2 |
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|  | $\geq 6$ |

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| VPD $=$ Vehicle per day |  |  |  |  |  |  |


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## Welcome to Richardson



- High Stress Crossing (Greater than 0.25 mi to nearest low stress crossing)
- High Stress Crossing (Less than 0.25 mi to nearest low stress crossing)
- Low Stress Crossing (Nearest to high stress)
Low Stress Crossing (Other)
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# Thank you 

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