Crash Analysis Studio

Episode 1: Indianapolis, IN



Police Crash Report

- Fatal crash occurred at the intersection of East 86th
 Street and Monon Trail.
- Crash occurred at 8:26 AM.
- Cloudy skies.
- Roadway surface reported as dry.

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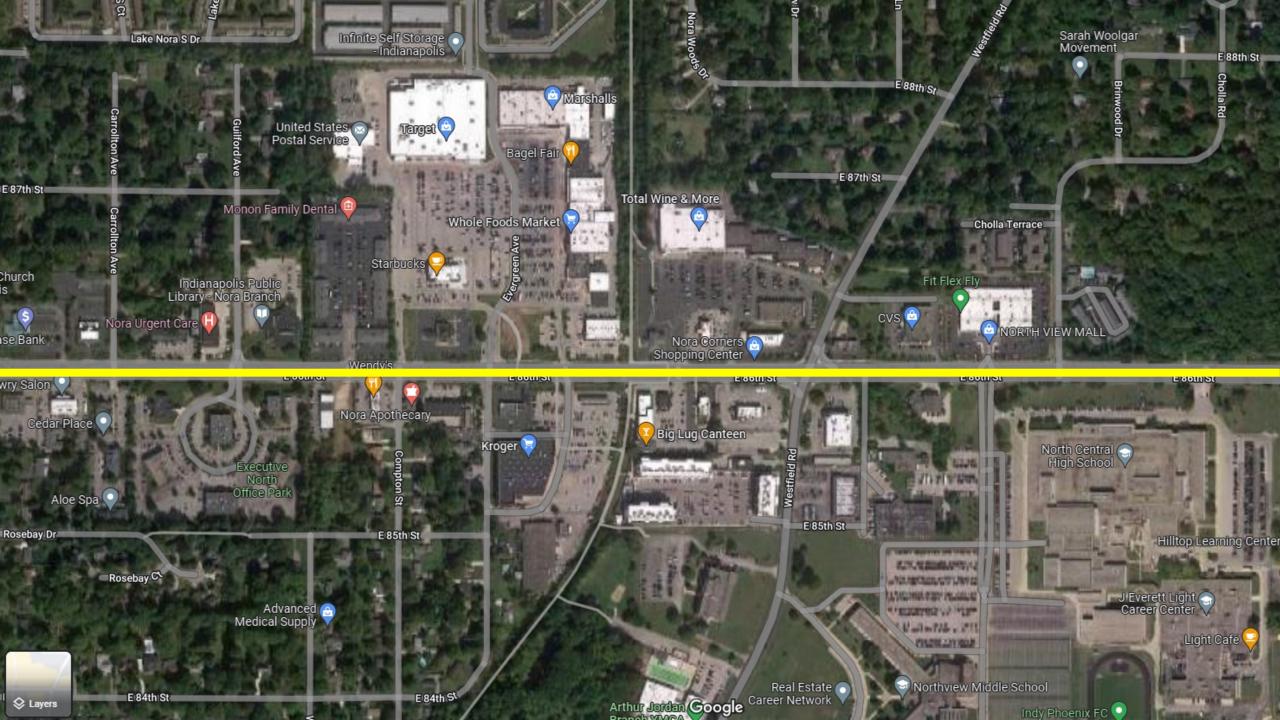
- Driver traveling west on East 86th Street in the left lane.
- Victim traveling north along Monon Trail by bike.
- Driver crossed through the intersection and struck the victim on the far west side.

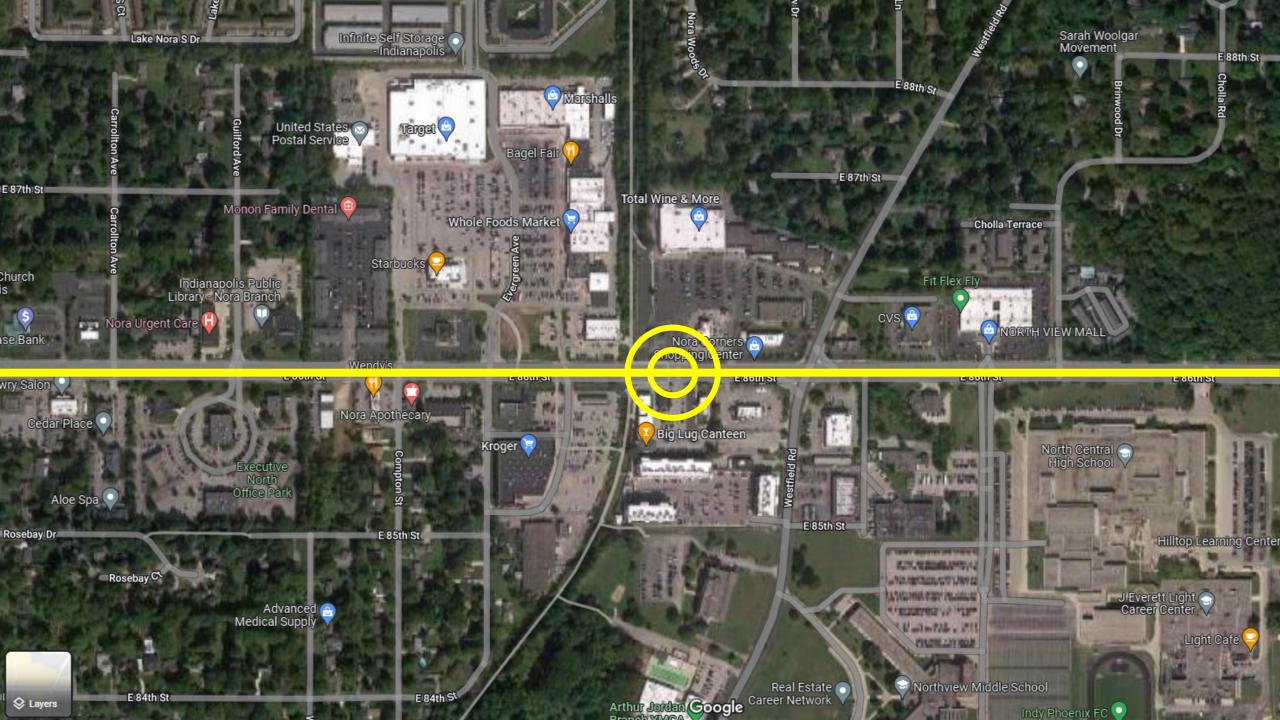


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- Driver claims the traffic signal was green when the vehicle entered the intersection.
- Three witnesses indicate the signal was red when the driver entered the intersection.
- The Police Crash Report indicates the Primary Factor as "Disregard Signal."
- There are no indications that impairment from alcohol or drug use was involved. The driver was administered a blood test.

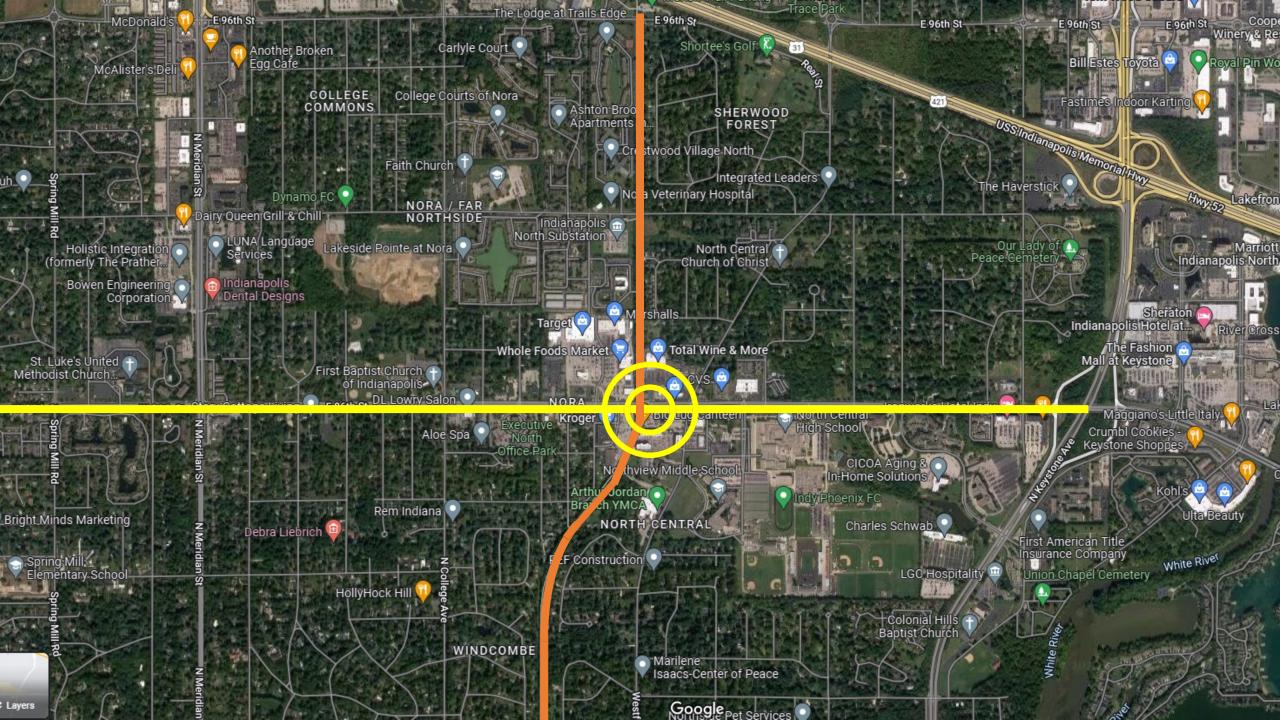
- East 86th Street is a stroad environment
 - Lanes are 11 feet wide.
 - Enforced speed limit is 35 mph.
 - Frequent intersections with turning movements.
 - Turn lanes to facilitate through traffic.







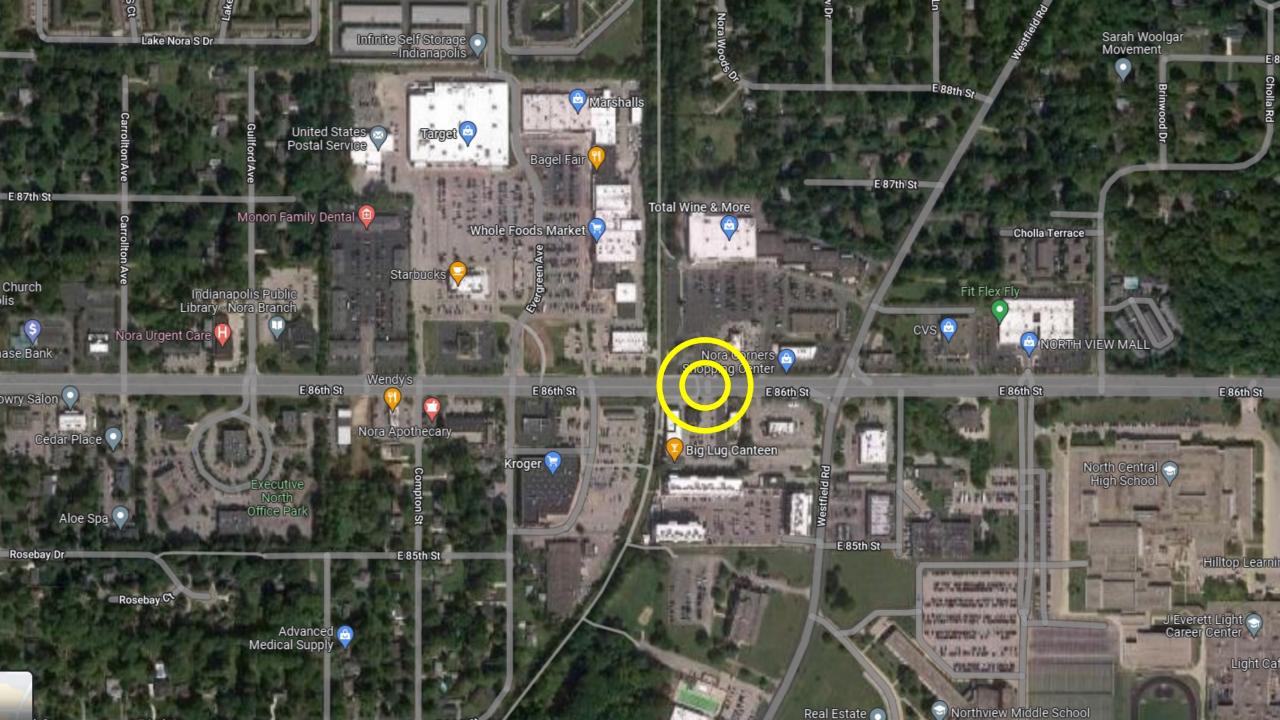
Monon Trail is the backbone of a regional trail network.



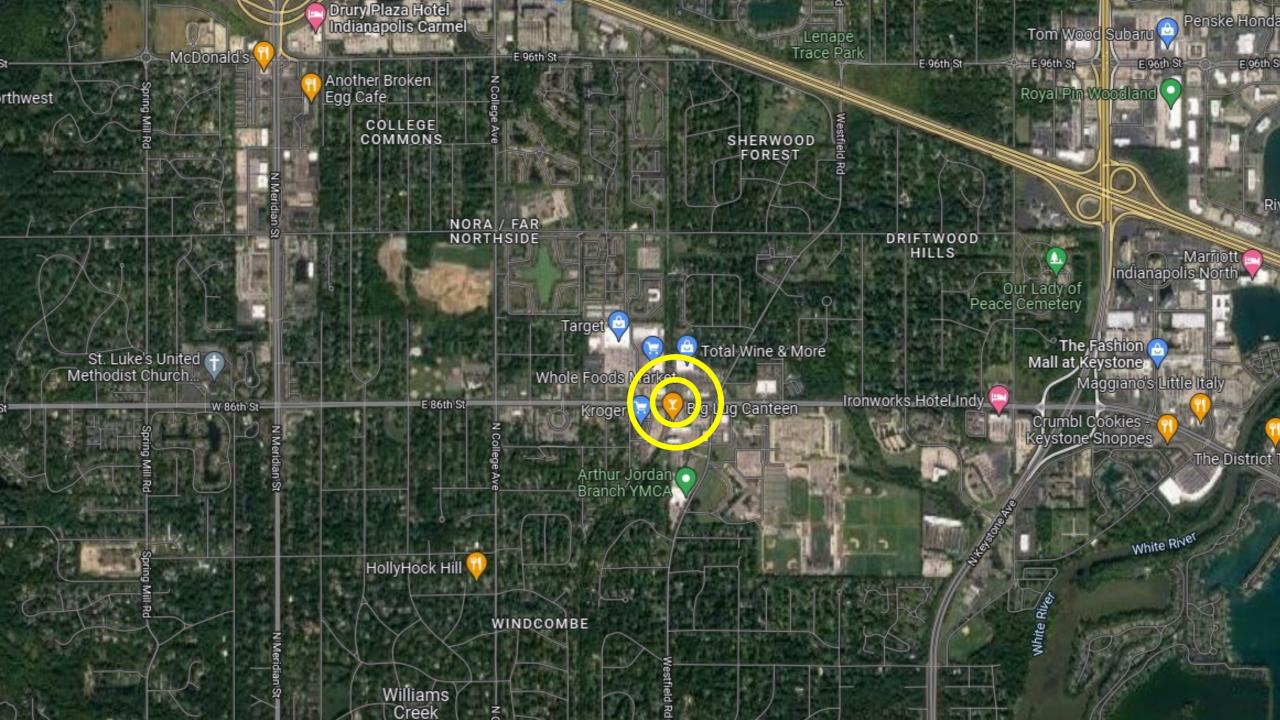


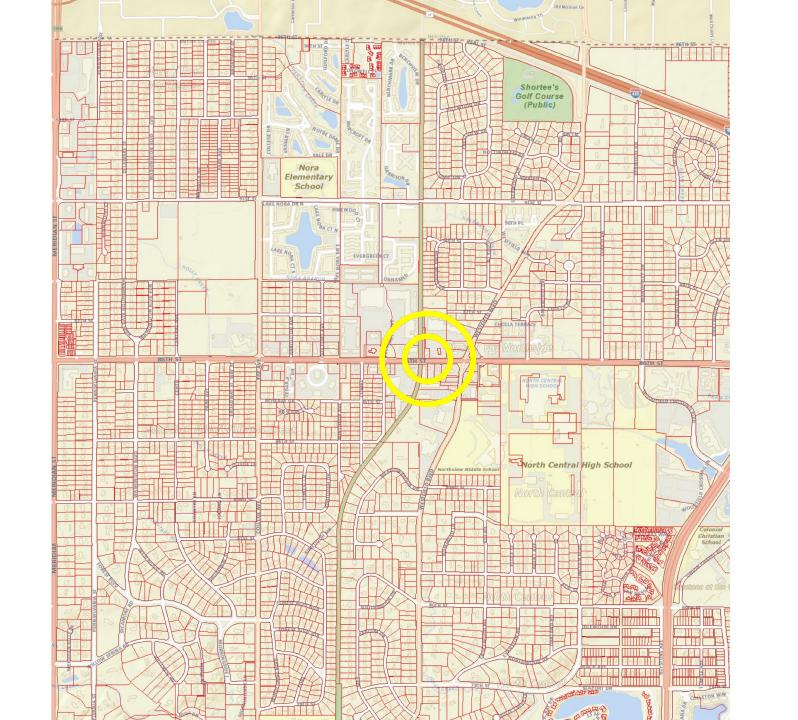


- Land use pattern along East 86th Street is auto-oriented
- Anchor Stores
 - Target, Marshalls, Whole Foods, Kroger, North View Mall
- Drive-through businesses
 - Starbucks, Hardees, Jimmy John's, Taco Bell, Steak 'n Shake
- Office Park and various retail/office uses
- High school, Middle school, YMCA



Surrounding land use is predominantly residential

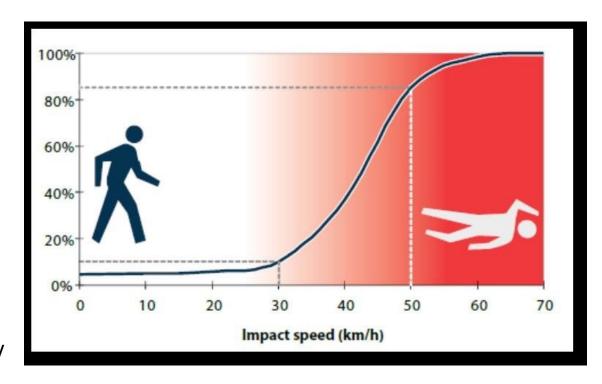




 Preliminary Speed Study indicates significant number of automobiles traveling at fatal speeds

The effects of higher speed limits on traffic fatalities in the United States, 1993–2017.

-Insurance Institute for Highway Safety



86th & Monon Trail Speed Study - Indianapolis Number of Vehicles Driving at Each Speed



Intersection Approach Conditions (auto)

- Center concrete separation median (no refuge)
- Two lanes of traffic moving in the same direction
- Multiple access points with in-out turning movements (no crossovers)
- Sidewalks directly adjacent driving surface
- Electric poles adjacent to the sidewalks
- Turf and trees of medium height adjacent to the sidewalks



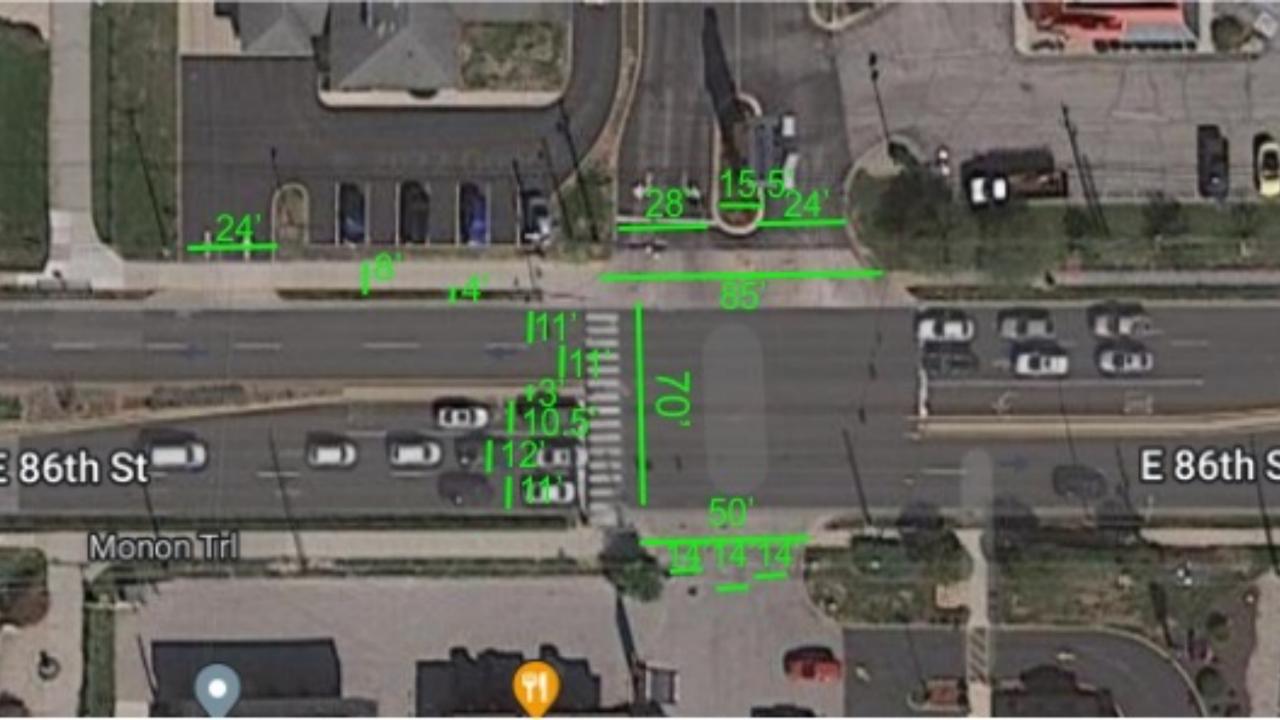
Intersection Approach Conditions (bike)

- Trail merges into sidewalk parallel to East 86th Street
- Wooden separation fence (non-collision resistant) between sidewalk and East 86th Street



Intersection Conditions (auto)

- Left turn lanes in both east and west approaches
- Center concrete separation median diminishes (no refuge)
- Two lanes of traffic moving in the same direction
- Wide curb radius on north access point (Nora Corners)
- North access designed to accommodate two vehicles in each direction
- 85-foot total north access width





Intersection Conditions (auto)

- Sidewalks blend with driving surface
- No crosswalks on east (near) side of intersection
- Crosswalk present on west (far) side of intersection
- Pedestrian signage hung from wire
- Electric poles adjacent to the sidewalks
- Traffic signals hung from wires



Intersection Conditions (trail)

- 70 feet of total crossing, no refuge
 - Two lanes of through traffic traveling east
 - One lane of left-turning traffic traveling north into Nora Corners
 - Two lanes of through traffic traveling west
- Crosswalk present on west side of intersection
- Permission button on pole coordinated with signal
- Long signal interval, excessive wait time



