

A Global Safe System Approach



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A composite image showing a city skyline at night reflected in water, and a waterfront park area with a circular paved area and palm trees. The text "Why is a Global Approach needed?" is overlaid in white on a dark horizontal band.

Why is a Global Approach needed?



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Why is a Global Approach needed?

“More than 90% of (road) deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries, where preventive efforts are often nonexistent.” (Richard A Gosselin, David A Spiegel, Richard Coughlin and Lewis G Zirkled)



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International Context

- Road safety is a global issue
- Each year approximately 1.35 million people are killed on the world's roads
- Road traffic injuries are the leading killer of people aged 5 – 29 years globally
- Low and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) are most affected
- Road trauma affects pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists more than other users



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Global Best Practice



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The **Global Plan** is a guiding document to support the implementation of the Decade of Action 2021–2030 and its objectives (WHO).

UN General Assembly Resolution 74/299 declared a **Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030**, with the target to reduce road traffic deaths & injuries

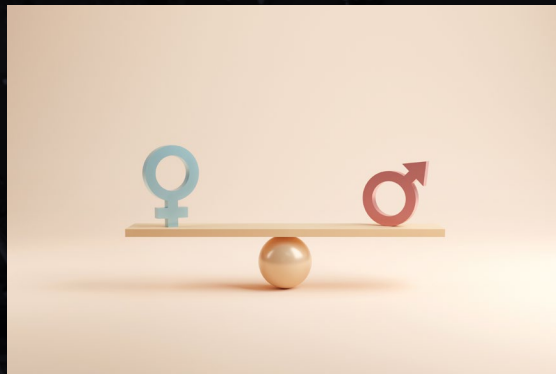
BY AT LEAST 50% during that period



What To Do?



How to do it?



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Building on the Safe System approach

The Safe System approach – a core feature of the Decade of Action – recognizes that road transport is a complex system and places safety at its core. It also recognizes that humans, vehicles and the road infrastructure must interact in a way that ensures a high level of safety. A Safe System therefore:

- anticipates and accommodates human errors;
- incorporates road and vehicle designs that limit crash forces to levels that are within human tolerance to prevent death or serious injury;
- motivates those who design and maintain the roads, manufacture vehicles, and administer safety

programmes to share responsibility for safety with road users, so that when a crash occurs, remedies are sought throughout the system, rather than solely blaming the driver or other road users;

- pursues a commitment to proactive and continuous improvement of roads and vehicles so that the entire system is made safe rather than just locations or situations where crashes last occurred; and
- adheres to the underlying premise that the transport system should produce zero deaths or serious injuries and that safety should not be compromised for the sake of other factors such as cost or the desire for faster transport times.



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Recommended actions to improve the safety of road infrastructure

- Develop functional classifications and desired safety performance standards for each road user group at the geographic land-use and road corridor level.
- Review and update legislation and local design standards that consider road function and the needs of all road users, and for specific zones.
- Specify a technical standard and star rating target for all designs linked to each road user, and the desired safety performance standard at that location.
- Implement infrastructure treatments that ensure logical and intuitive compliance with the desired speed environment (e.g. 30 km/h urban centres; ≤ 80 km/h undivided rural roads; 100 km/h expressways).
- Undertake road safety audits on all sections of new roads (pre-feasibility through to detailed design) and complete assessments using independent and accredited experts to ensure a minimum standard of three stars or better for all road users.
- Undertake crash-risk mapping (where crash data are reliable) and proactive safety assessments and inspections on the target network with a focus on relevant road user needs as appropriate.
- Set a performance target for each road user based on the inspection results with clear measurable metrics at the road-attribute level (e.g. sidewalk provision).



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Safe System



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Safe Speeds

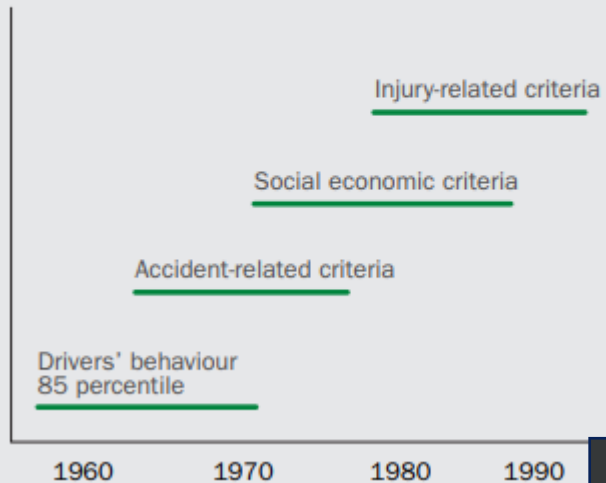
Safe speeds are speeds where, when a crash does occur it doesn't result in a fatal or serious injury. Safe speeds differ depending on the particular road environment and road user compensation. For example, a safe speed for a divided road might be different to a non-divided road



Safe Speeds

Major factors determining speed limits, Sweden, 1960–1990

Important speed limit criteria



Source: WHO



Conventional compared to Safe System

Conventional

Small incremental change



Safe System

A network wide approach to safety with a goal of harm minimisation



Conventional compared to Safe System

Conventional

Optimise the reduction of death and serious injuries per project based on budget



Safe System

Move the entire network towards the elimination of deaths and serious injuries



Conventional compared to Safe System

Conventional

Incremental gain focusing on each pillar individually



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Optimise across pillars allowing for redundancy. Also having pillars compensate for each other where needed.



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Make use of international road safety partners!



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Indonesian Example



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What are the differences?

- 2-3 wheeled vehicles dominate the mode share and crashes
- Road environment is designed differently
- Recently adopted Safe System approach
- Limited road safety expertise
- High under reporting rate for crashes
- Limited Road Safety software tools



Where did we start?

- KPI – where to target
- Training of trainers & building up training materials
- Predictive risk maps
- Developed a range of tools – map crashes and risk
- Developed a fatal crash reporting process and template
- Focus around VRUs and transport equality
- Determine effective treatments for an Indonesian context and help develop a blackspot forward works programme



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Standard safety interventions



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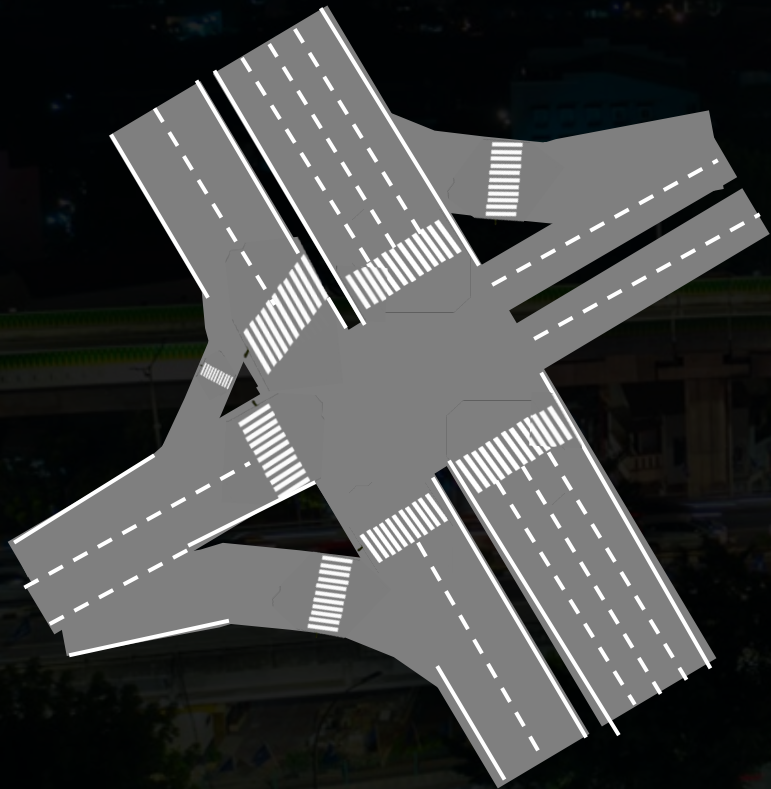
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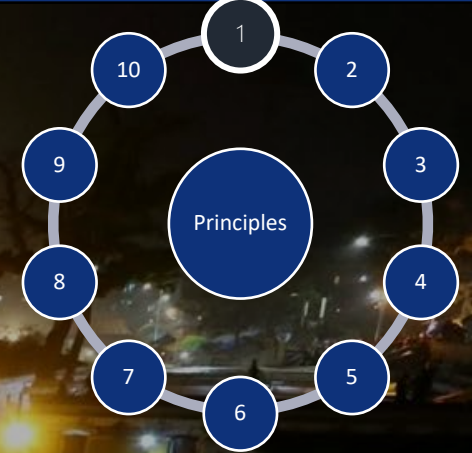
How do you approach an intersection like this?



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Slow Vehicle Speeds/ focus on reducing severity



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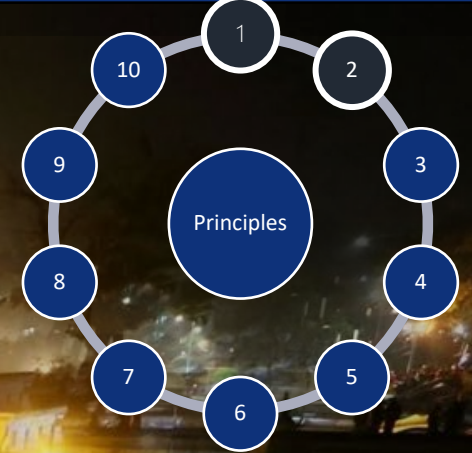
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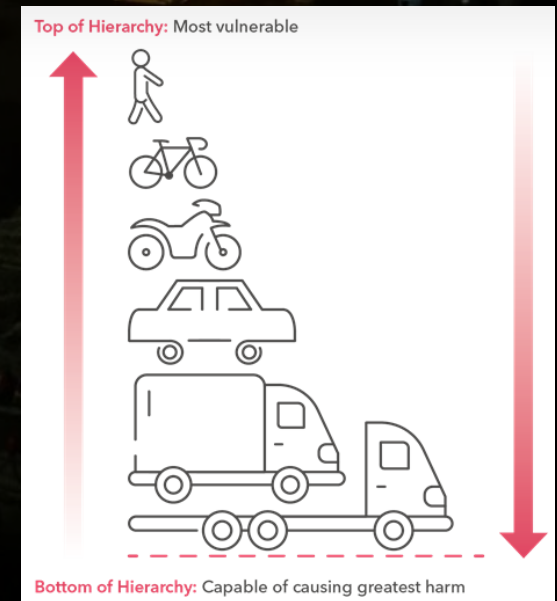
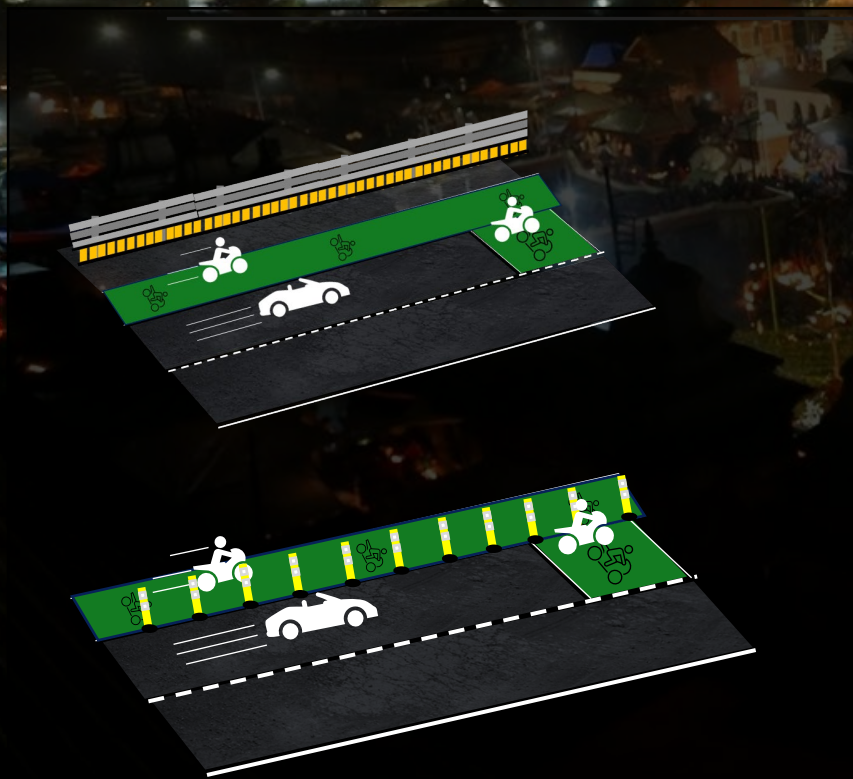
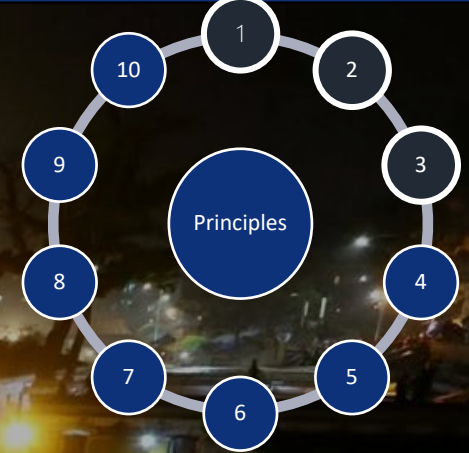
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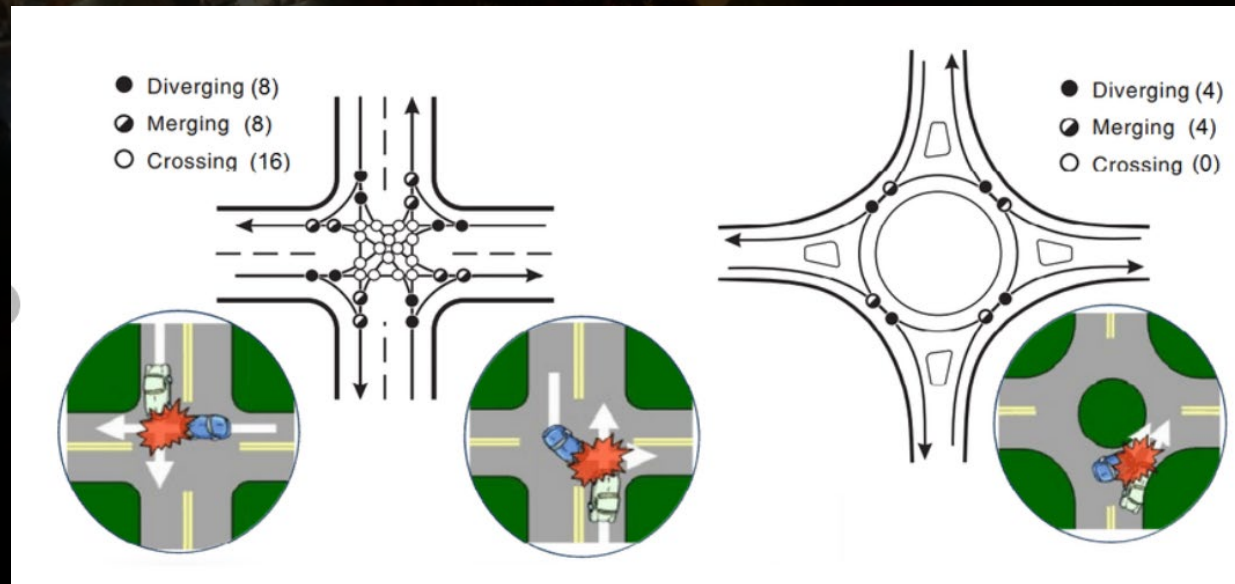
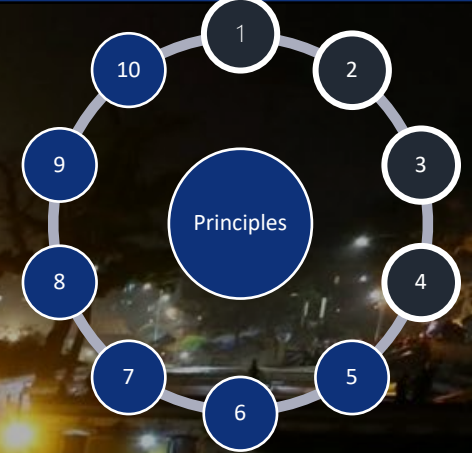
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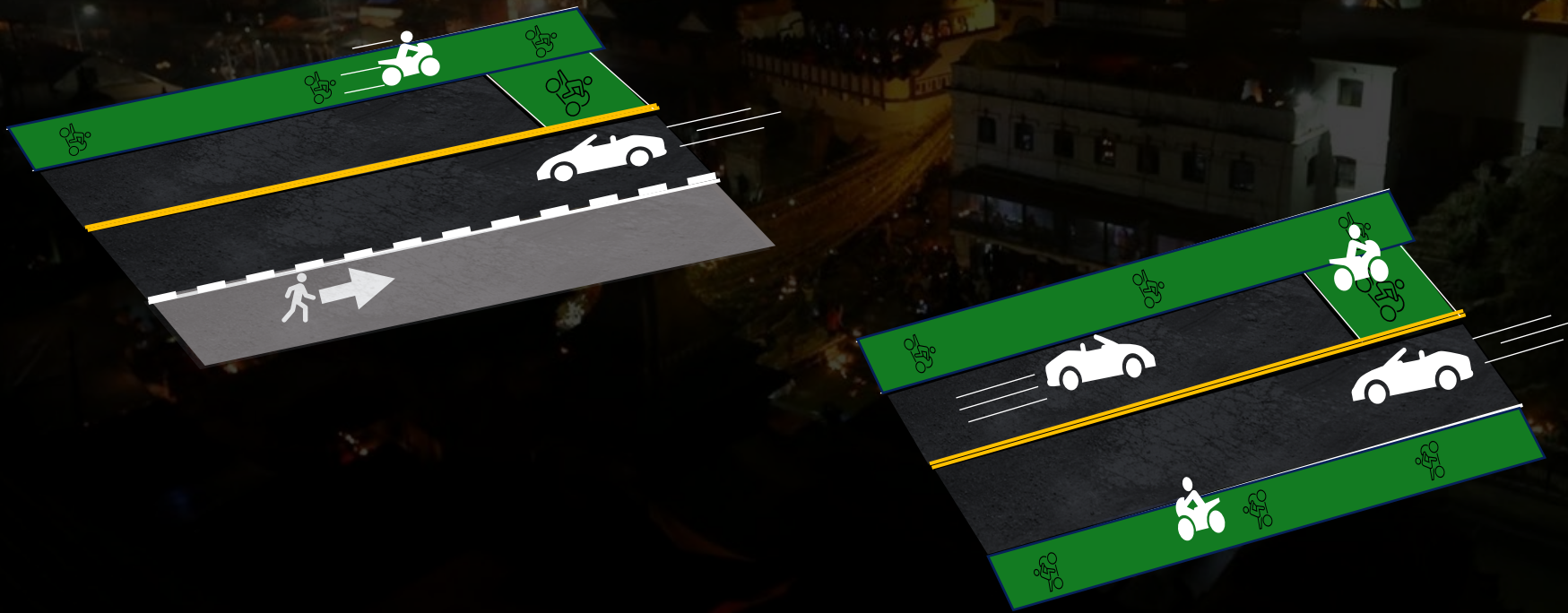
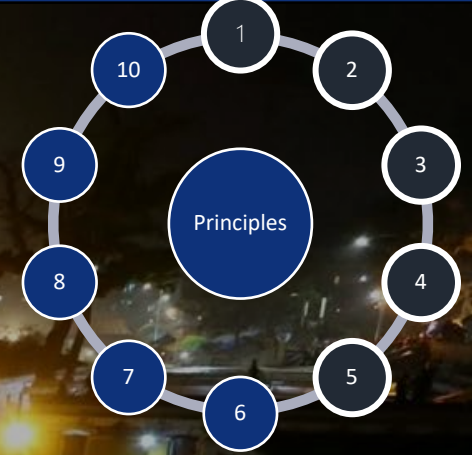
Prioritise Vulnerable road users



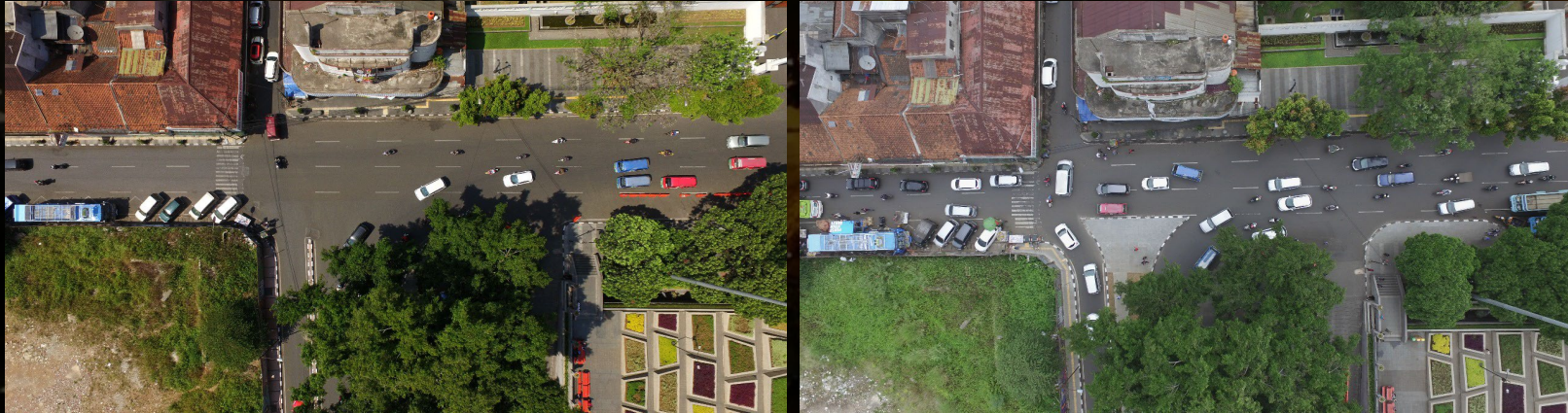
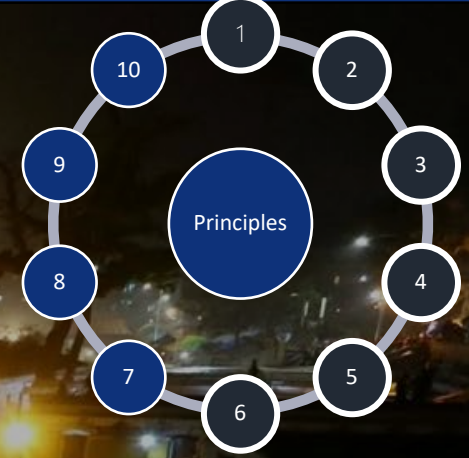
Reduce conflict points and especially high severity conflicts



Separate road users



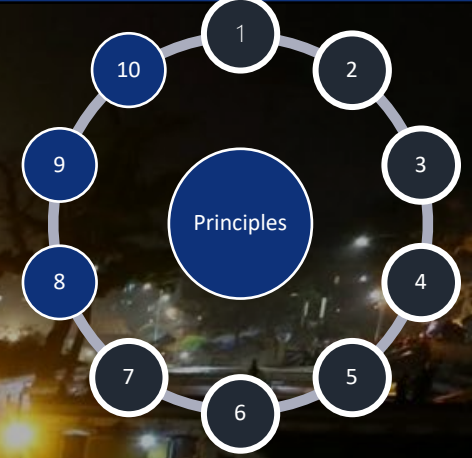
Clear communication and delineation



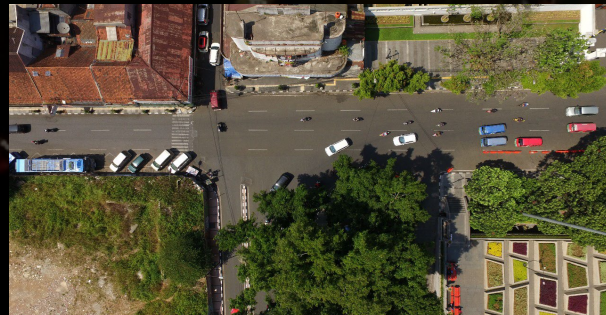
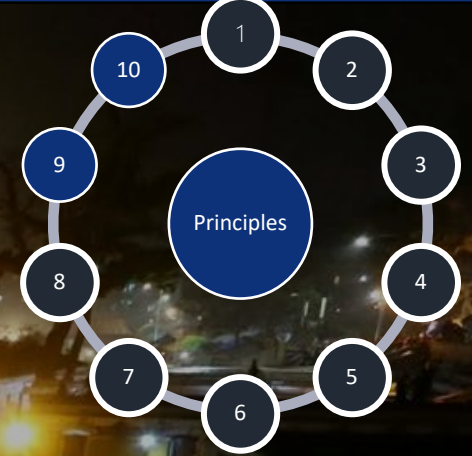
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Remove or mitigate roadside hazards



Reduce crossing distance and provide safe waiting locations

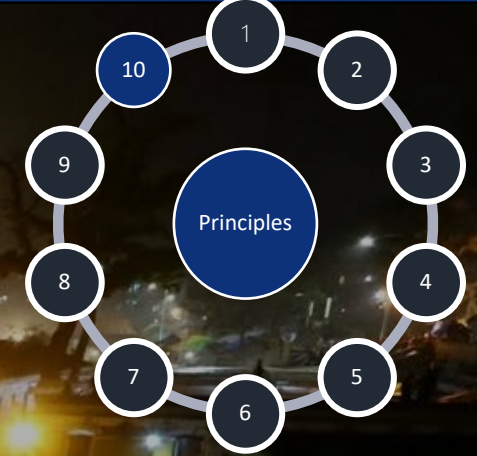


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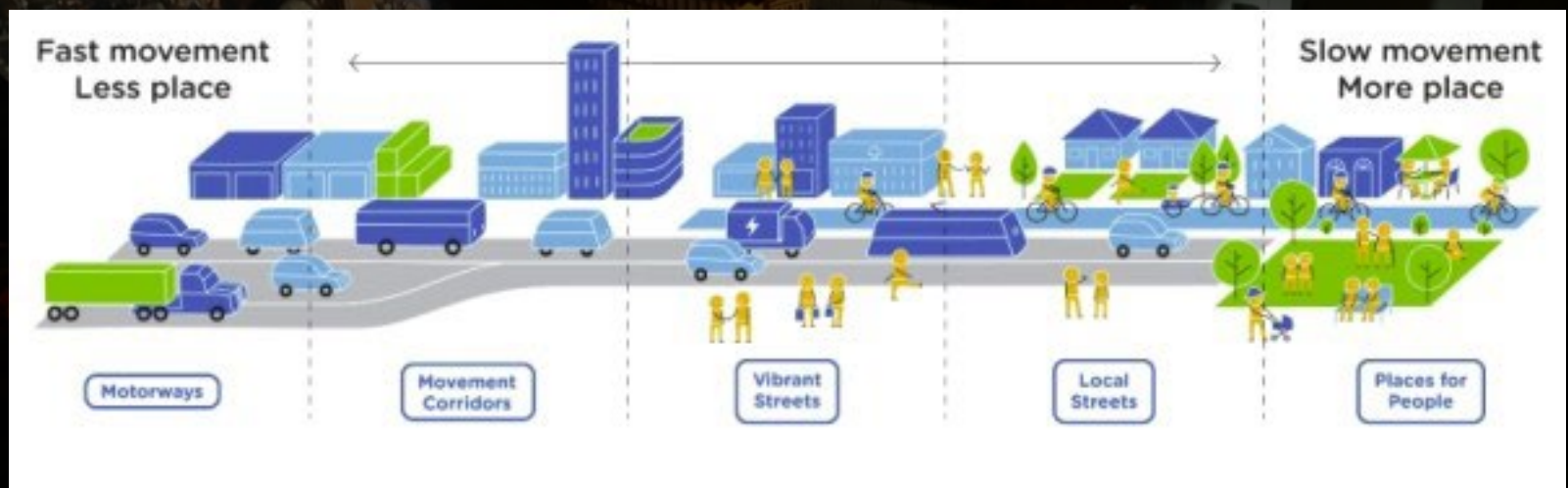
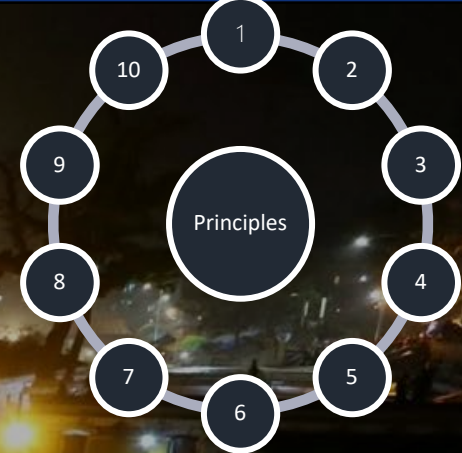
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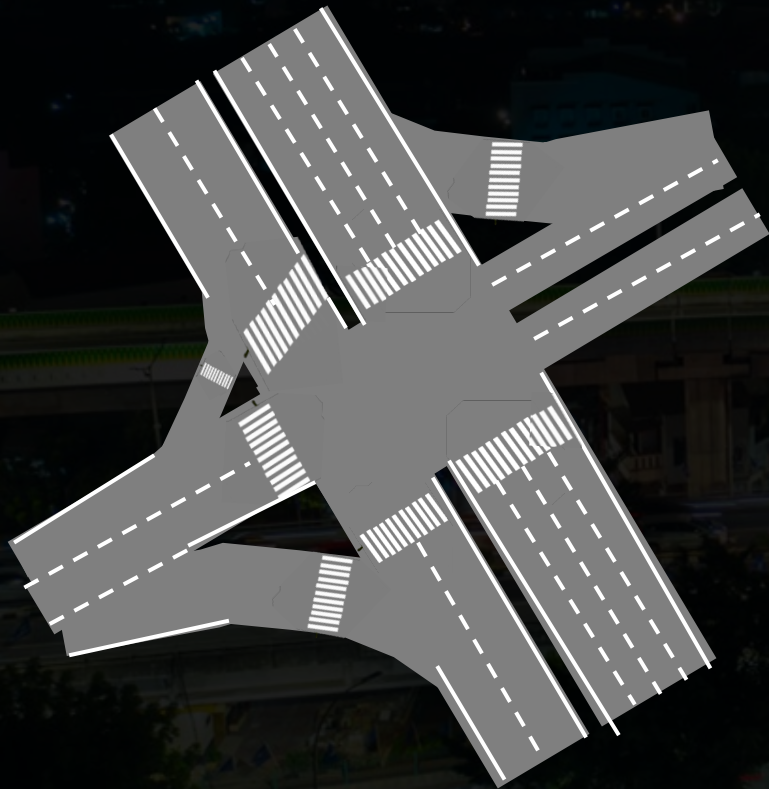
Belts and braces (safety preservation)



Consider movement and place



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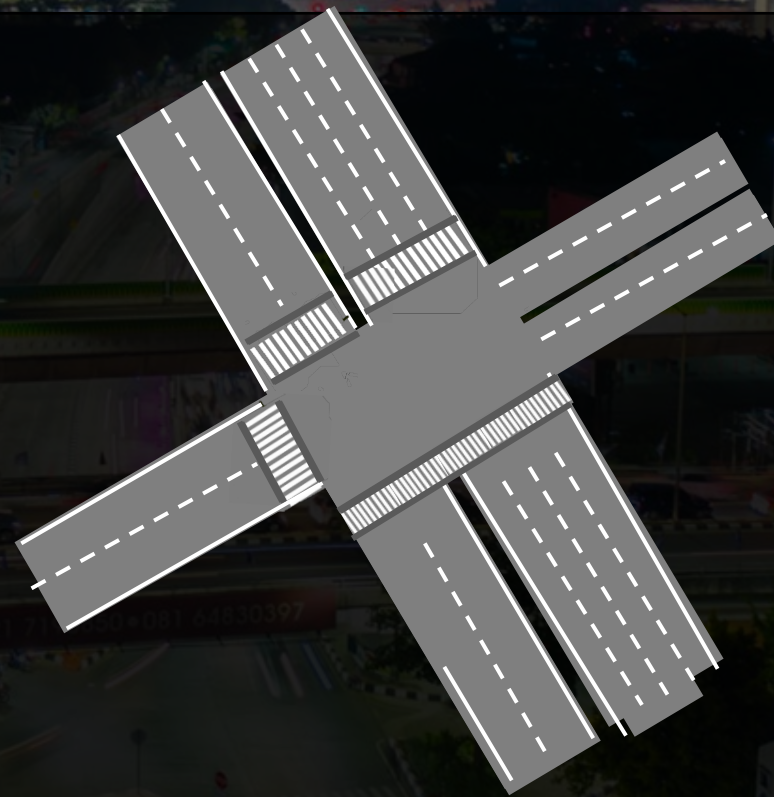
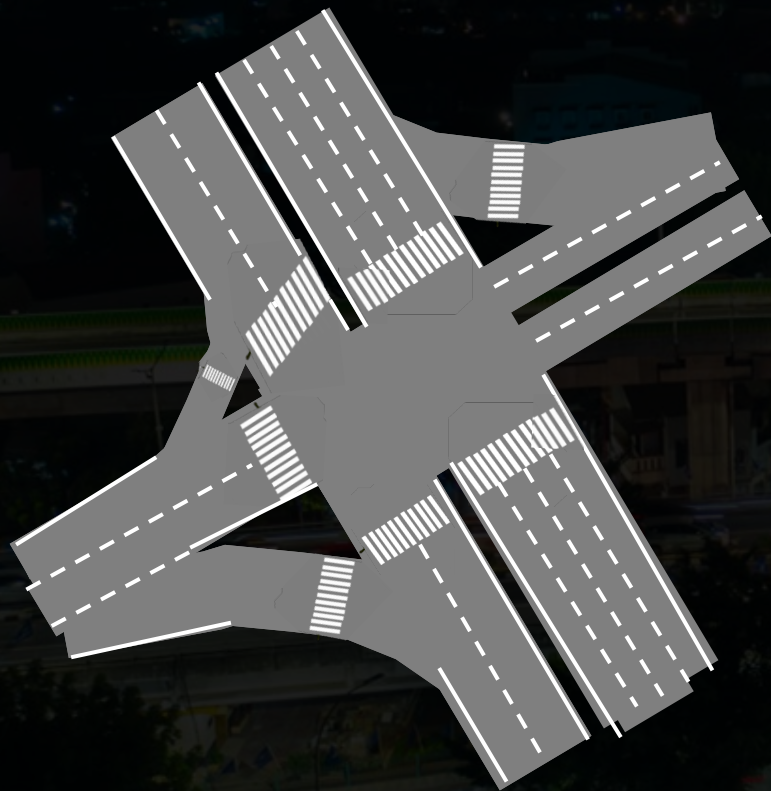


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1. Slow Vehicle Speeds/ focus on reducing severity



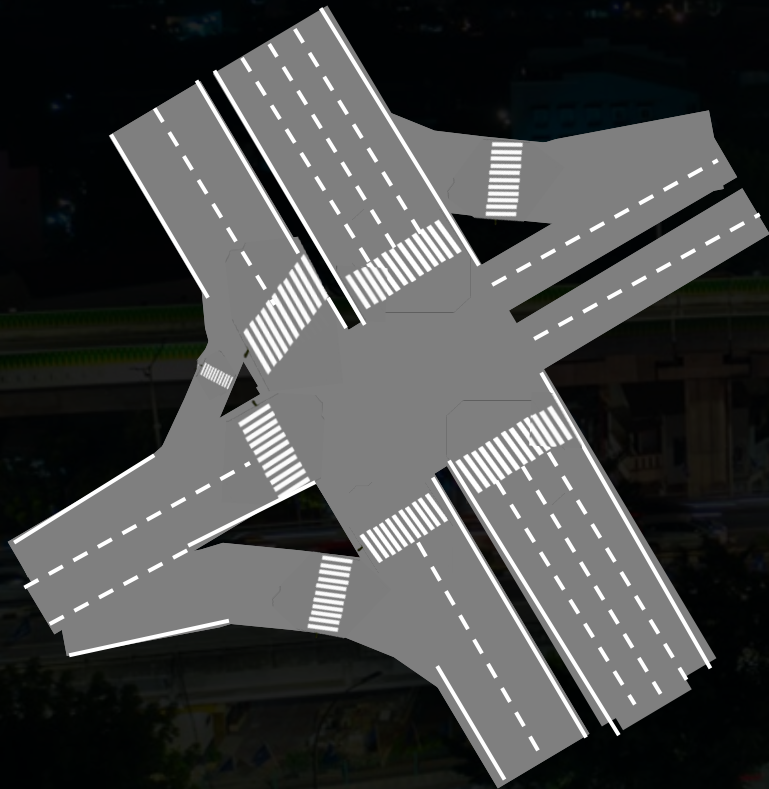
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2. Visibility

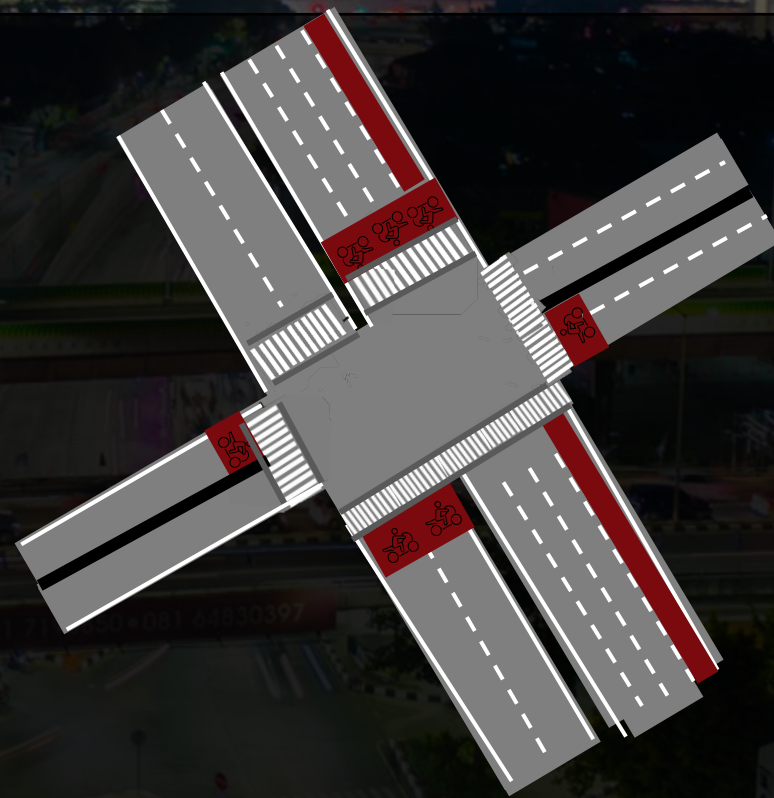
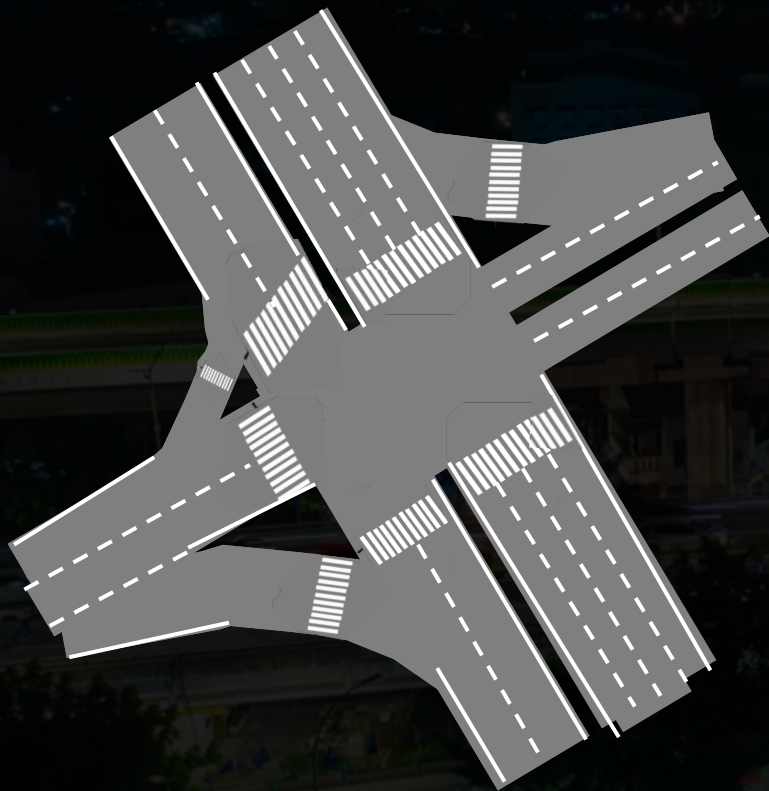


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3. Design for 2&3 wheeled vehicles and priorities Vulnerable road users in design



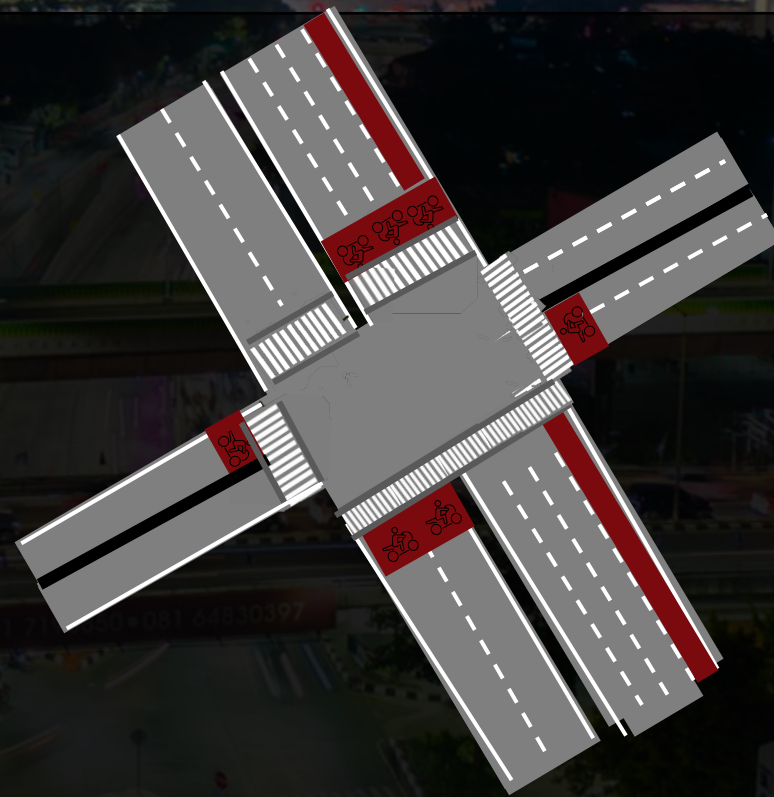
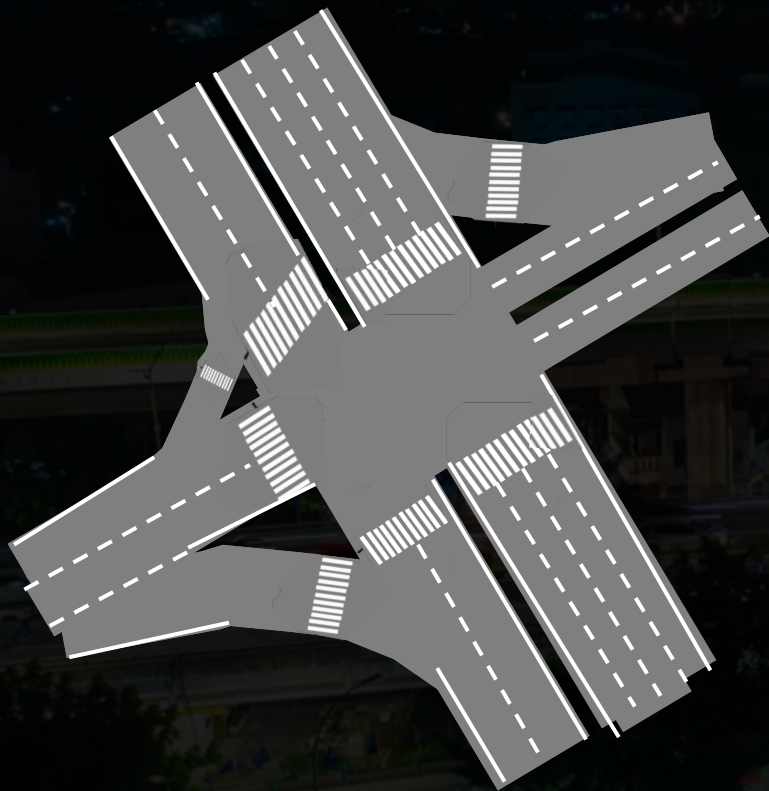
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4. Reduce conflict points and especially high severity conflicts



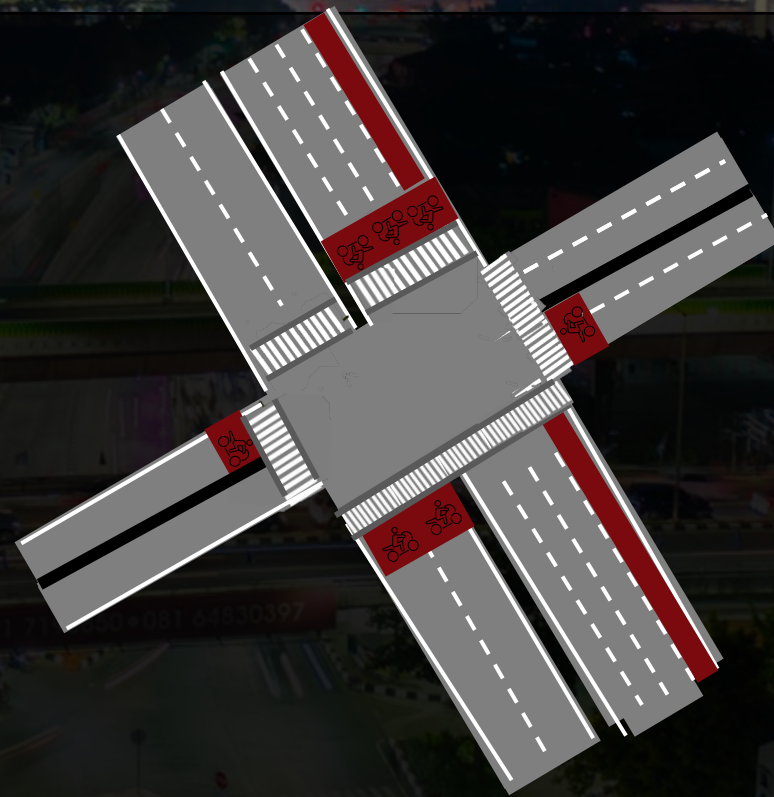
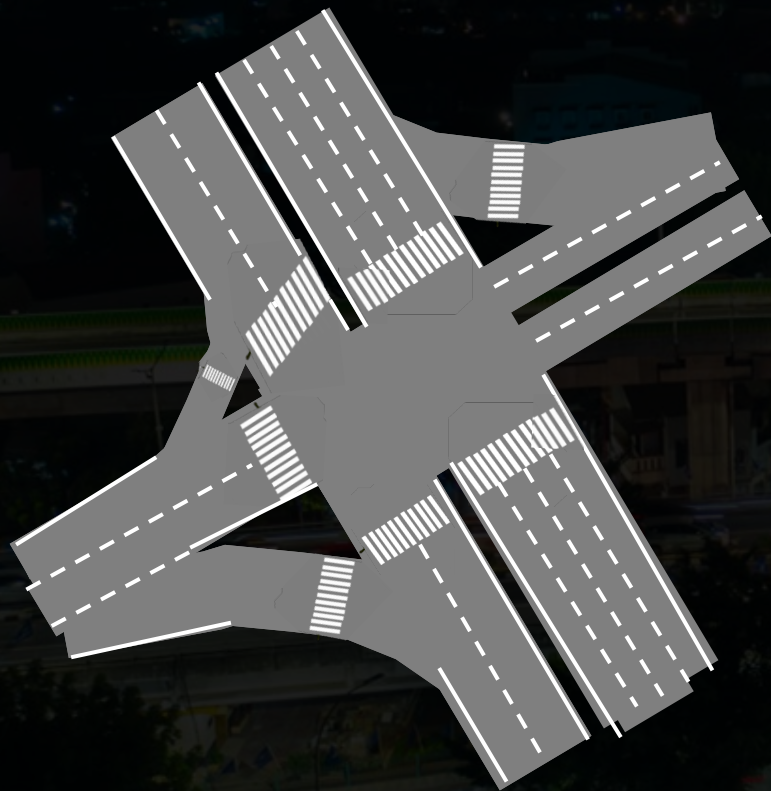
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5. Separate road users



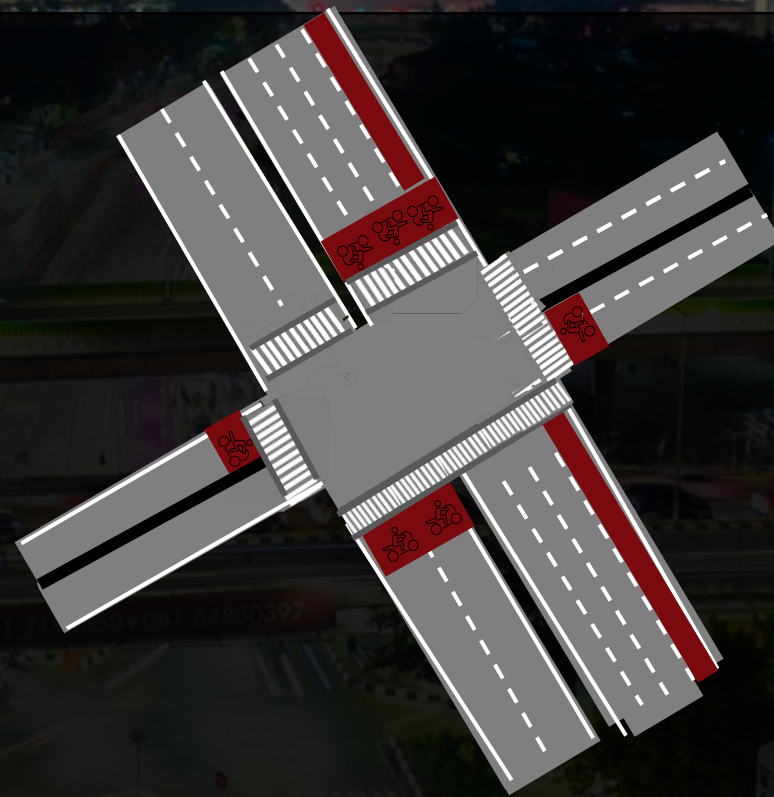
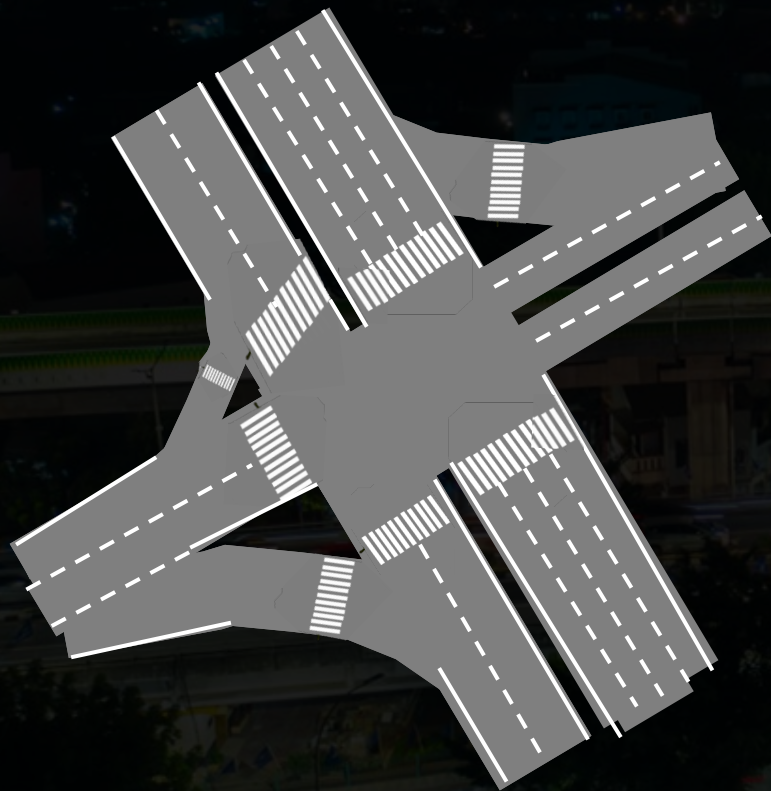
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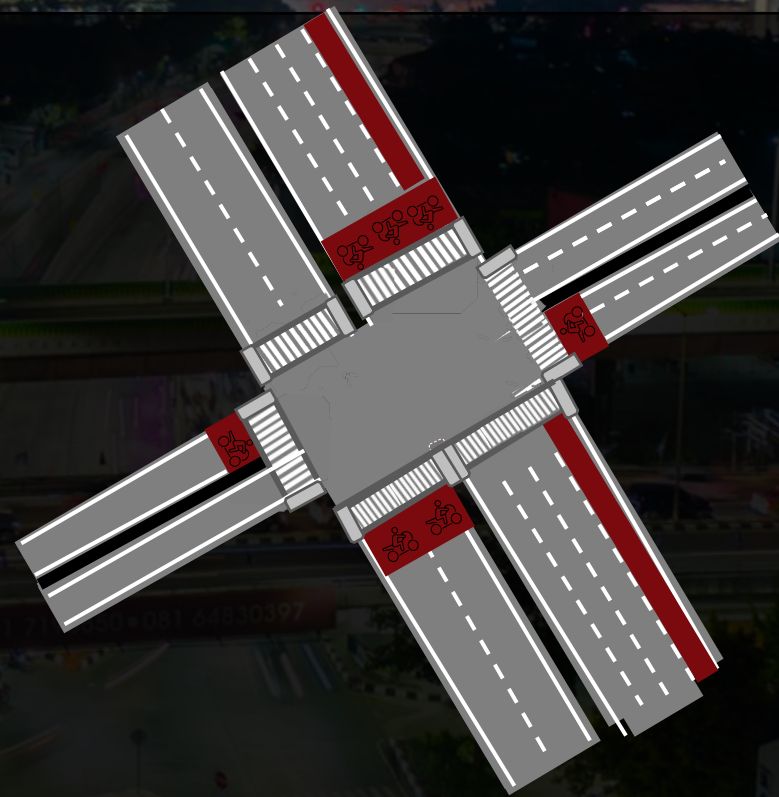
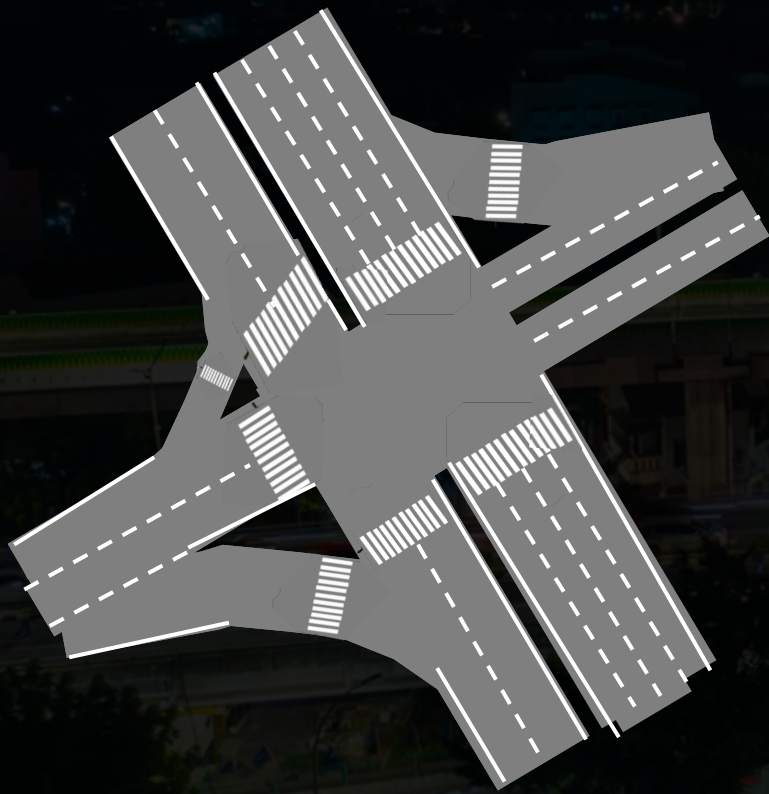


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8. Reduce crossing distance and provide safe waiting locations



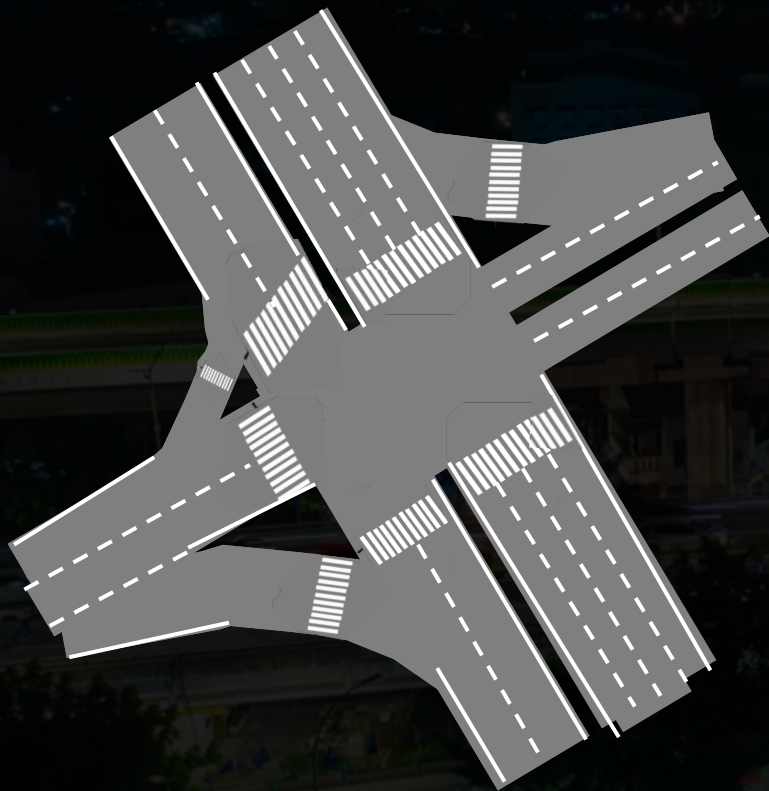
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9. Belts and braces (safety preservation)



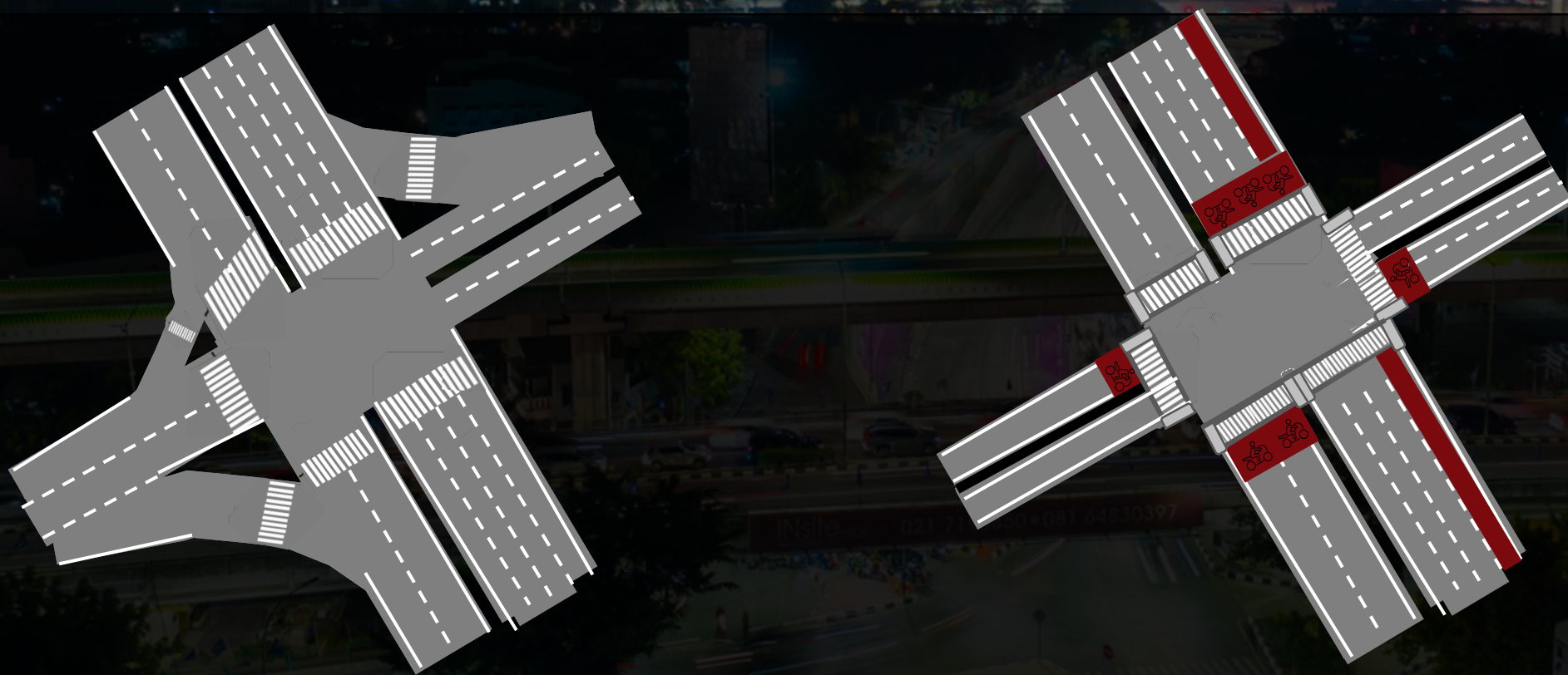
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10. Movement and Place

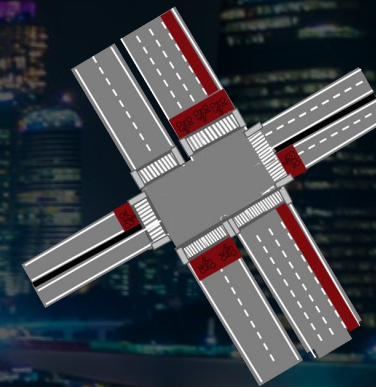


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Principles	Slip lane removal	Raised tables	Motorcycle lane and boxes	Delineation improvements	Pedestrian crossing improvements	Lane width reduction	Principle reflected in design
1. Slow Vehicle Speeds/ focus on reducing severity	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Visibility	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
3. Design for 2&3 wheeled vehicles and priorities Vulnerable road users in design	✓	✓ Specific design	✓		✓		✓
4. Reduce conflict points and especially high severity conflicts	✓		✓				✓
5. Separate road users	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6. Clear communication and delineation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
7. Remove or mitigate roadside hazards	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
8. Reduce crossing distance and provide safe waiting locations	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
9. Belts and braces (safety preservation)			✓	✓		✓	✓
10. Consider movement and places	✓						✓





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Questions?



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