

ZWIĘKSZANIE POTENCJAŁU NA RZECZ BEZPIECZEŃSTWA RUCHU DROGOWEGO

BUILDING ROAD SAFETY CAPACITY











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Road Safety Audit in Slovenia

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RSA / RSI in Slovenia

In this presentation will be presented problems that professionals come upon, when dealing with "Black Spots" and emphasize the meaning of proper Road Safety Audit and Road Safety Inspection.

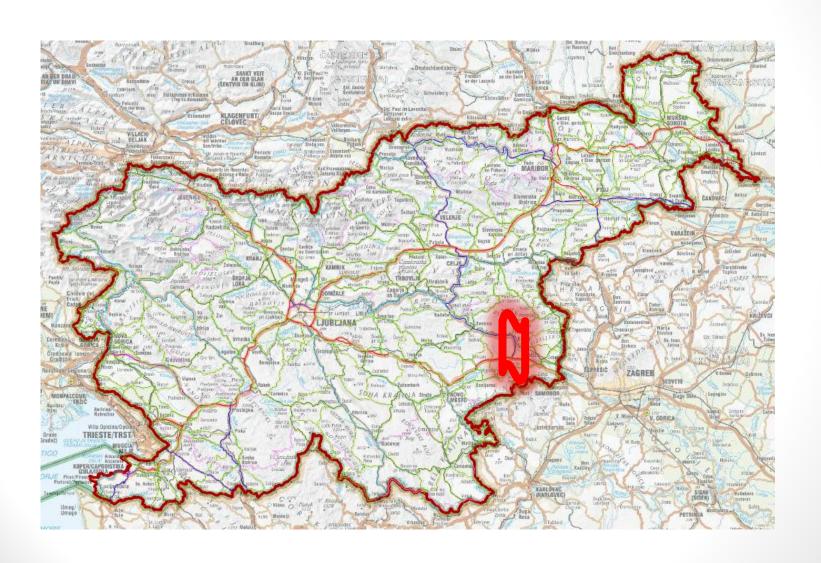
We (Road Safety Professionals) are in general well familiar with EU Directive on road infrastructure safety management.

On that matter we can find numberless of Manuals, Guidelines, papers, presentations etc., but what (we think) we know is whole another story. Sadly we must admit ourselves and to others that theory is far from real knowledge of road safety and its concept. Reality is shown on the roads from the design stage to construction and management of roads.

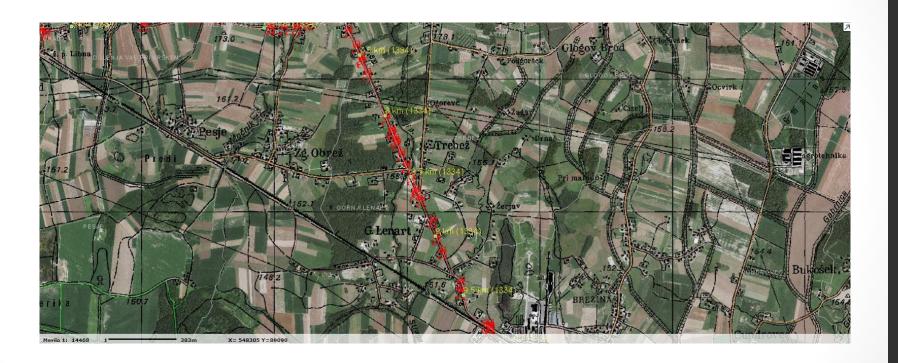


In Slovenia RSA/RSI is done only on TEN-T Roads (10th and 5th EU corridor) and those roads are motorways under direction of Motorway Company of Slovenia. State roads are under direction of Slovenian Roads Agency and other (municipality) roads are under direction of over 200 municipalities. So the most dangerous roads (as we know motorways are the most safe) are not submitted to RSA/RSI process.

Example of insufficient data



Data from Slovenian Roads Agency



20 accidents on section of the road

Data from Slovenian Traffic Safety Agency



3 accidents on section of the road

Data from the police



11 accidents on section of the road

Paradox

What is "interesting" is that all data should be based on police reports ??

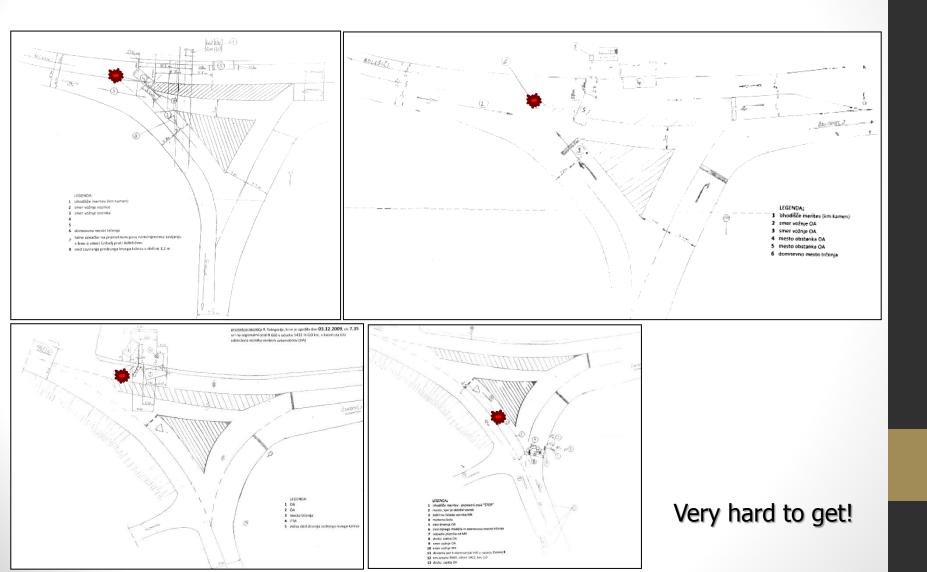


Case Study "Dolenjci"

- 5 accidents (from 2005 to 2009), 1 fatal accident (2008),
 1 accident per year, no accidents reported prior
- Methodology Black Spot
- Available data:
 - Type: 3 side impacts, 2 frontal impacts
 - Road surface: dry in all cases
 Skid resistance: poor
 - Weather: clear (4), fog (1)
 - Time interval (h): 13-14 (2), 10-11 (1), 07-08 (1), 02-03 (1)
 - Cause: right of way (4), side /direction of travel (1)
 - People involved: car drivers (9), passenger (1), motorcyclist (1)

Using available data, you can't connect (correlate) those information with/to individual accident!

Police sketches of accidents



Accidents from police data

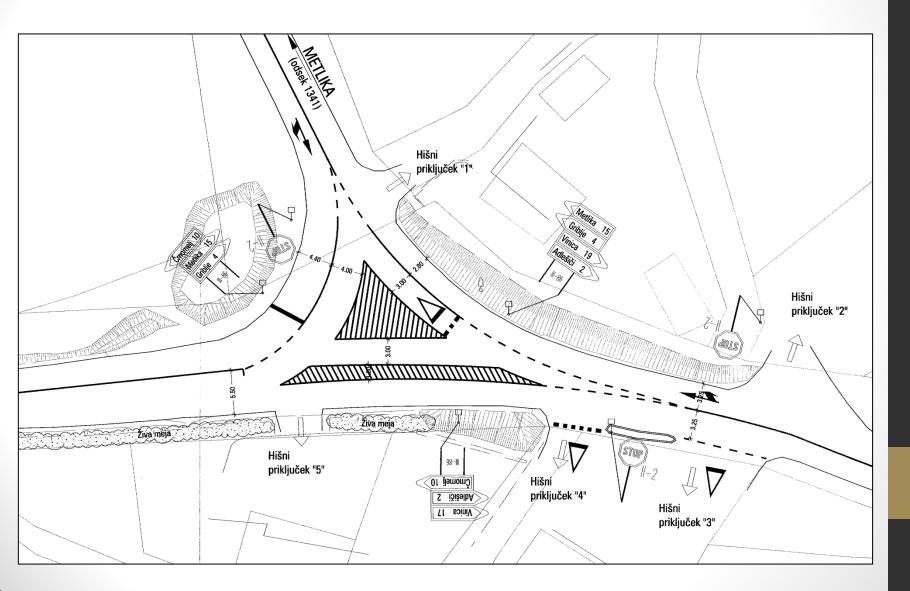




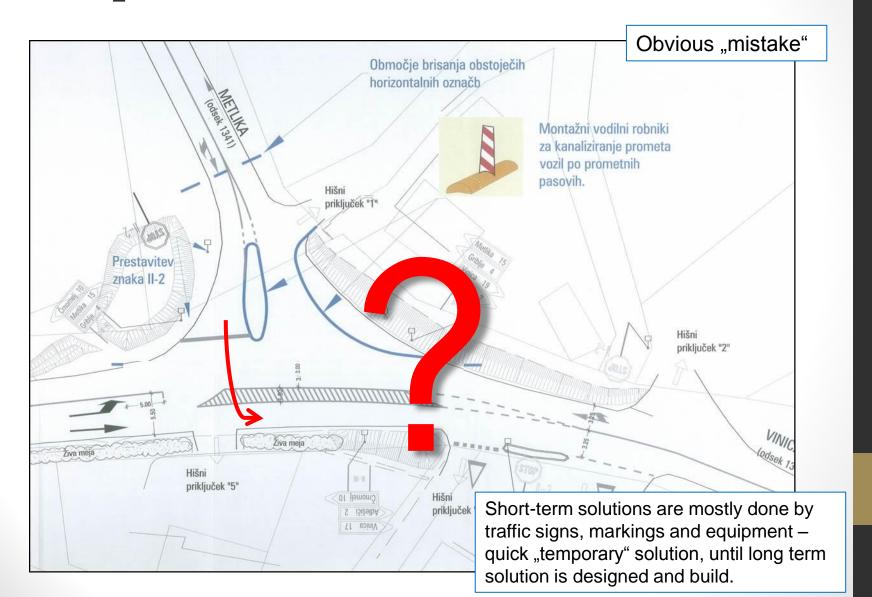
Study (designers' "know-how")



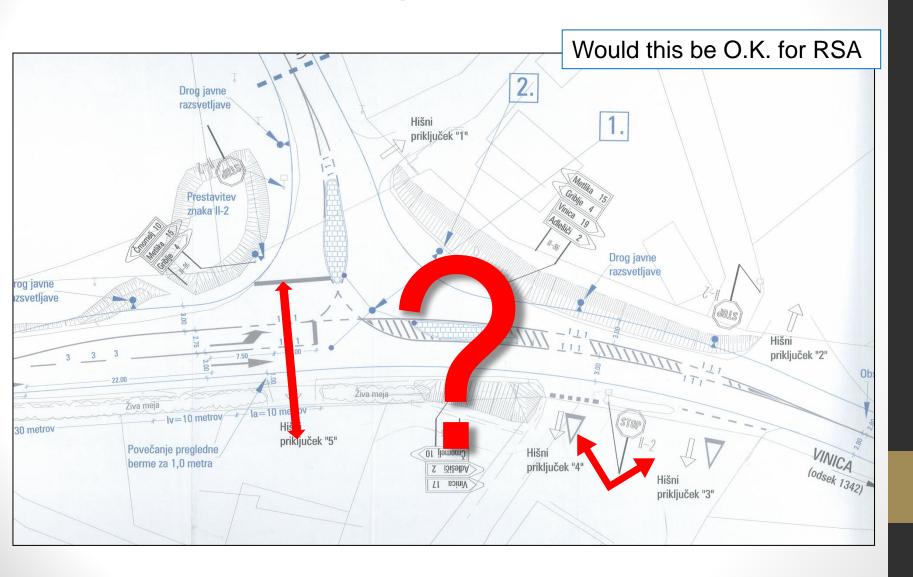
Existing situation



Proposed short term solution



Proposed long term solution



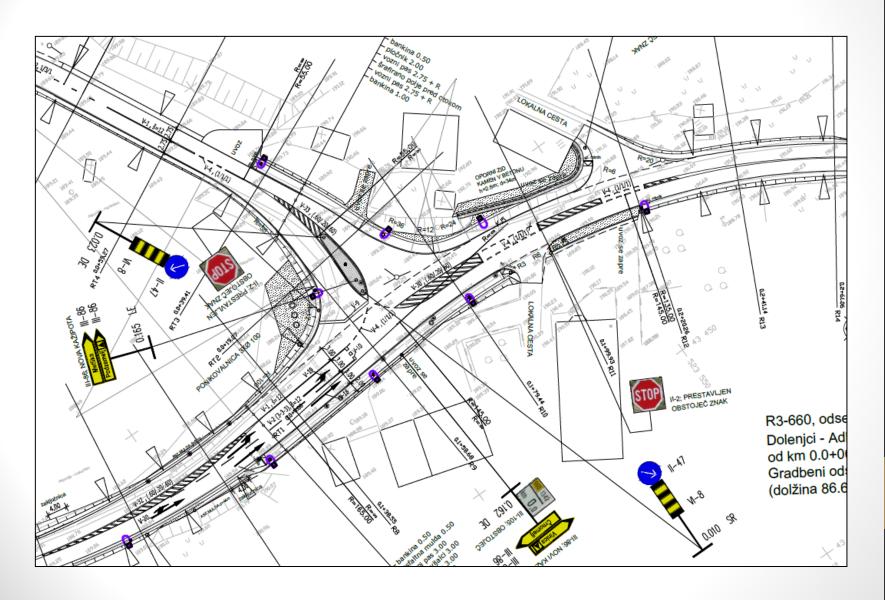
RSA/RSI?



Already done by the owner!

Will be done by construction (project)

Project in design – long term solution



Putting project scheme (from a Study) in reality



All "mistakes" from a study has to be corrected on the field ...

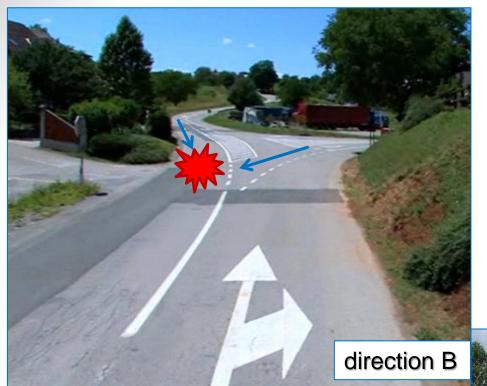


- Invisible junction and vegetation
- Lack of guidance (road markings)

 Closing of junction and cutting down the vegetation (already done by the owner)

- Additional road markings for guidance





Dangerous left turn from side / secondary road to main road (Black spot)

Changing the "geometry" of crossroads (with road markings)



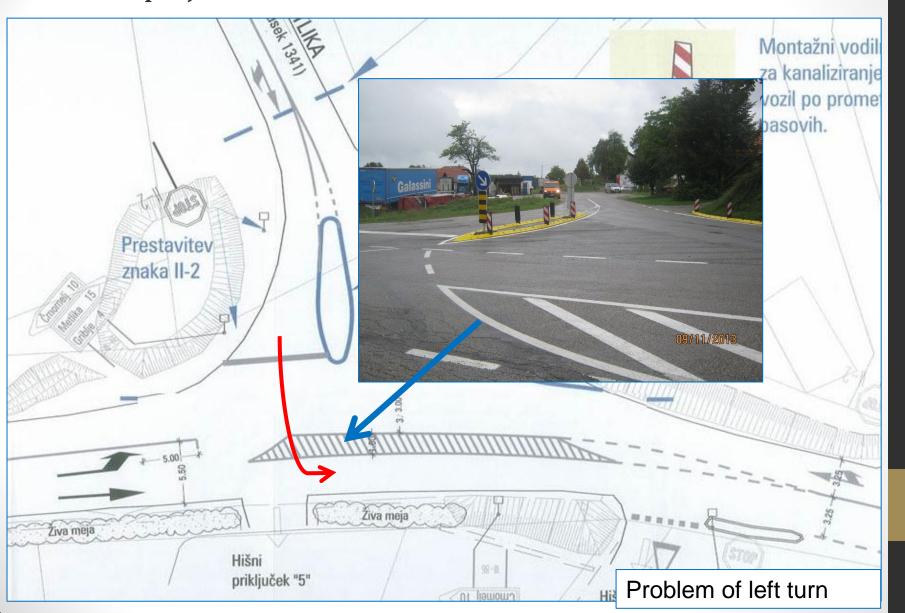


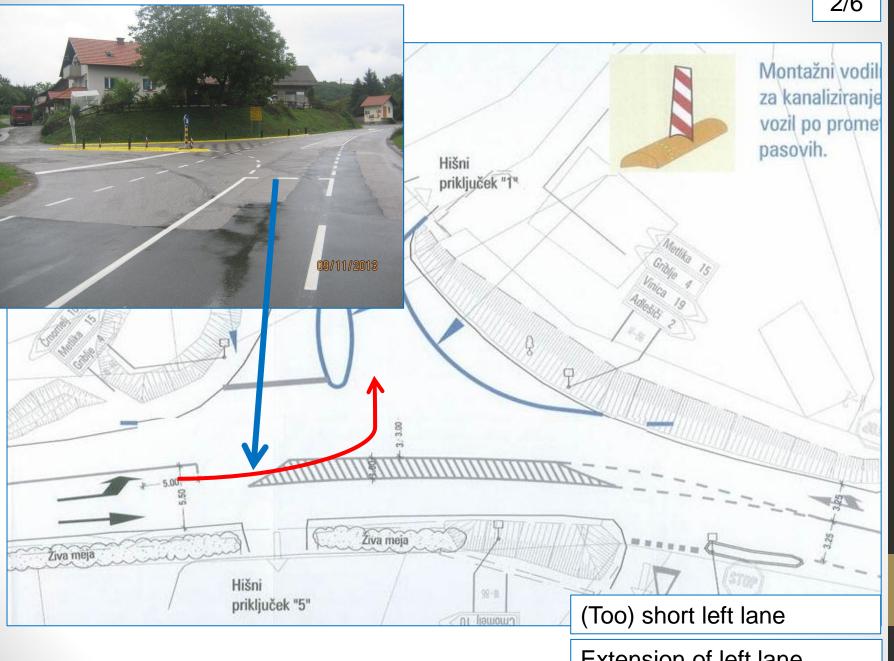
View from side / secondary road on crossroad

Changed junction (less conflicting points)

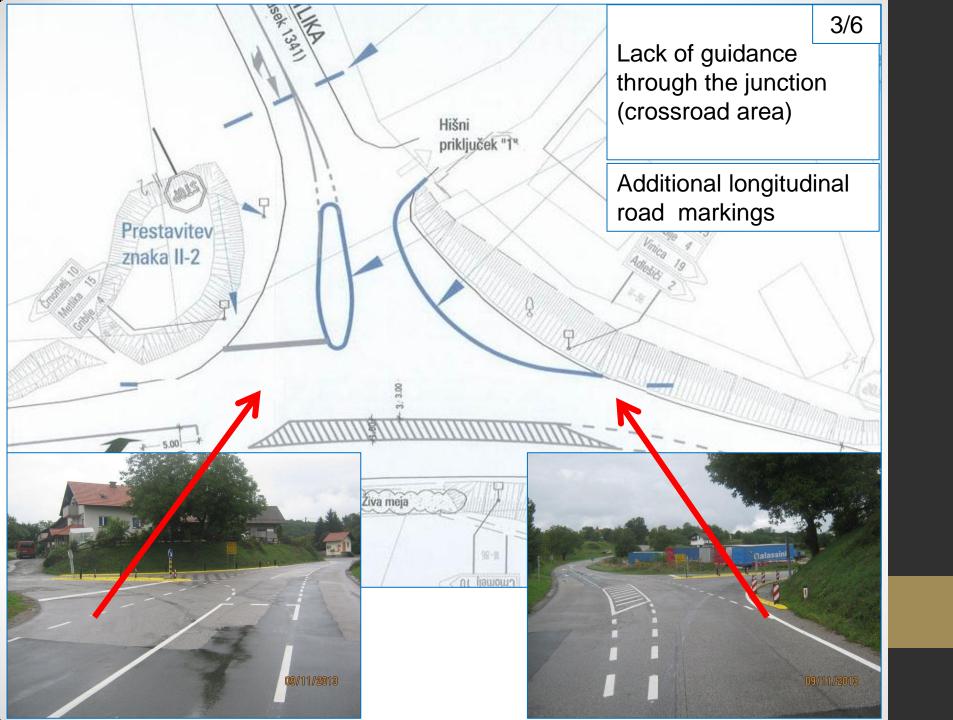


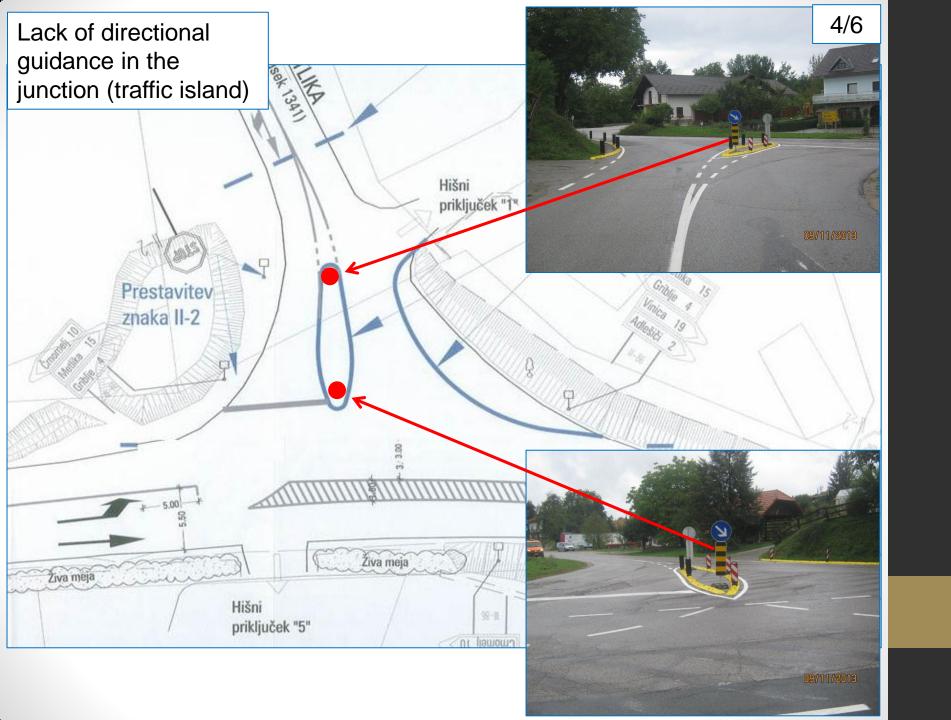
Mistakes that had to be corrected – on spot RSA of project, RSI on the field



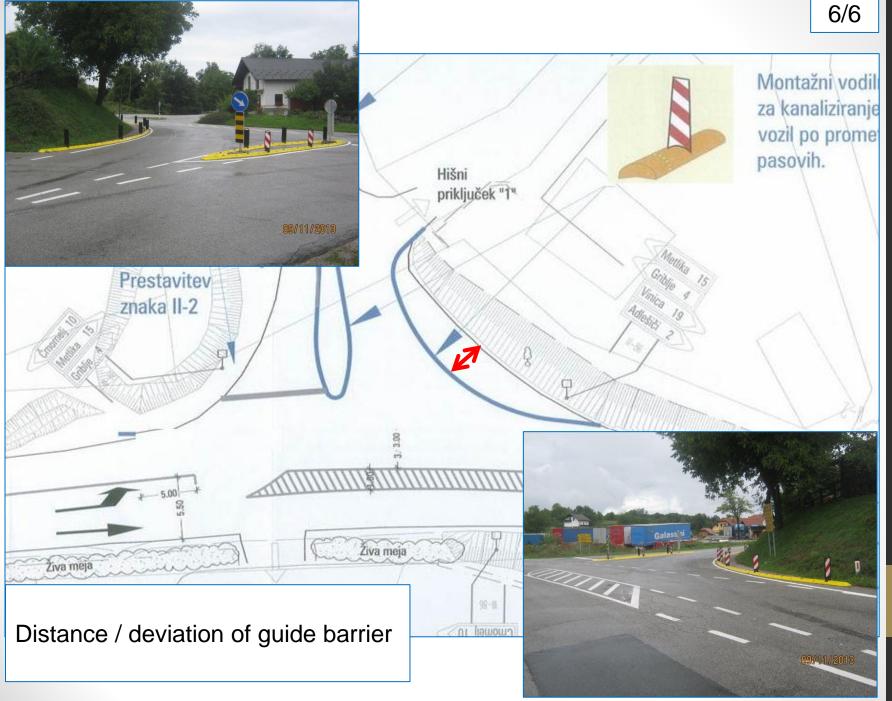


Extension of left lane









Would all this happen if there RSA/RSI would be before? (not after)

Removal of markings

Guide barrier installation (+ new Stop line and relocation of Stop sign) Solving the Left turn problem

Extension of left lane

Removal of unsuitable marking

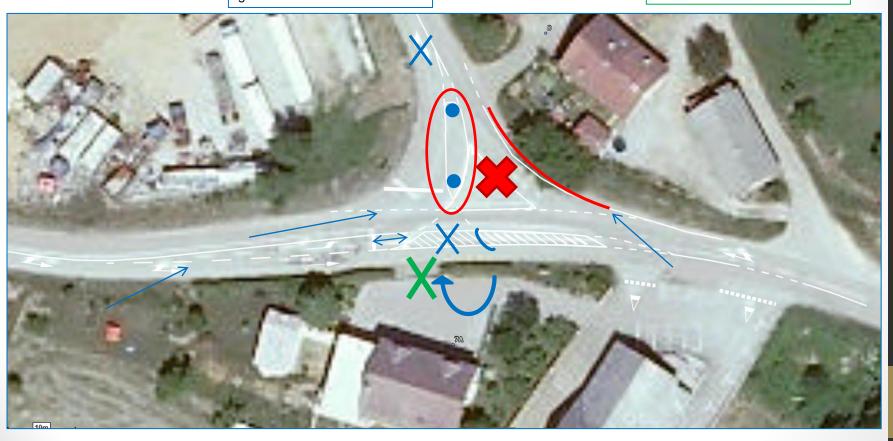
Adding additional lanes for guidance

Adding additional signs in traffic island

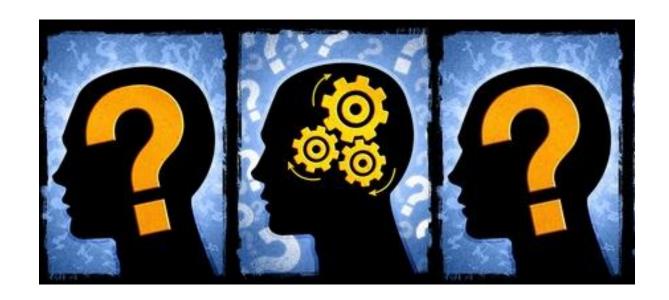
Relocating the signposts

At least try to contact the owner and talk to him regarding the junction and alternative access

No solution about skid resistance



So did the designer do his job?



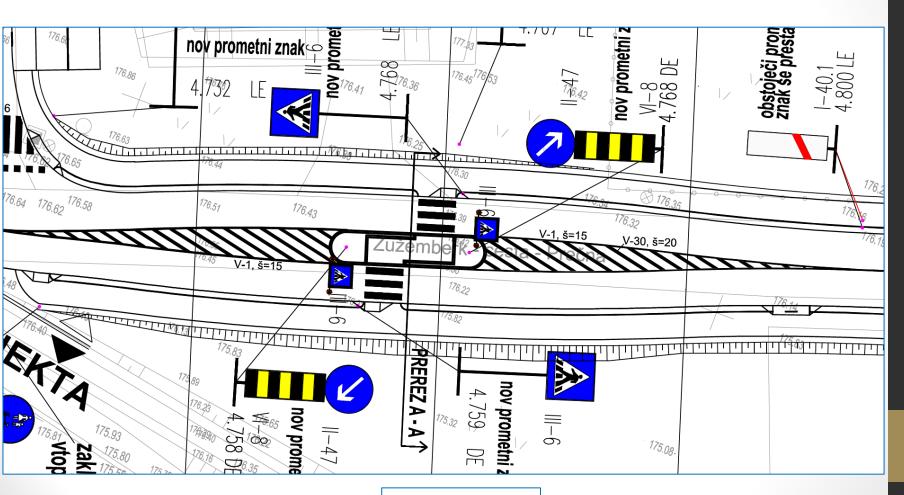
Professionally ...

How to solve the problem(s) ??

- First (for Black Spot Management) is to have suitable Road Accident data base:
 - Police
 - Road maintenance people
 - Insurance companies
 - Local communities
 - Road Accident Investigation (RAI)
- Do RSI before and RSA during and after the Study / Project design
- And of course a lot of knowledge and will power ...

Example of RSA

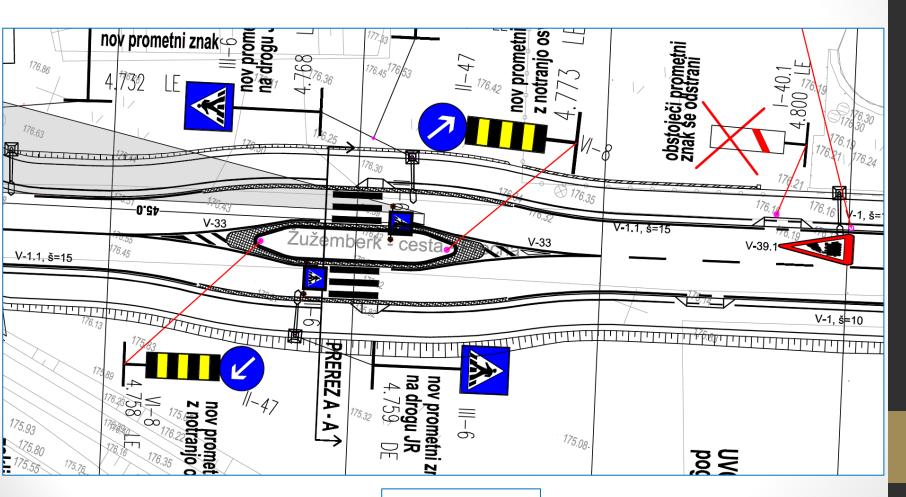
(problem of space and railroad crossing - existing road)



before RSA

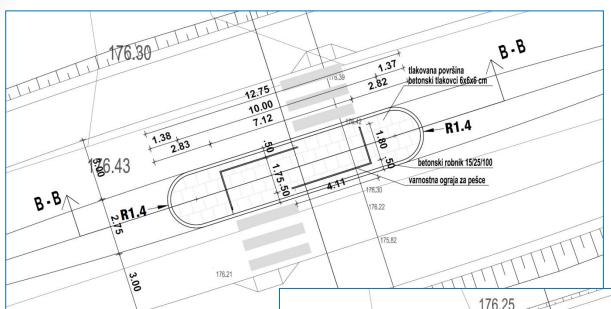
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after RSA

Diference

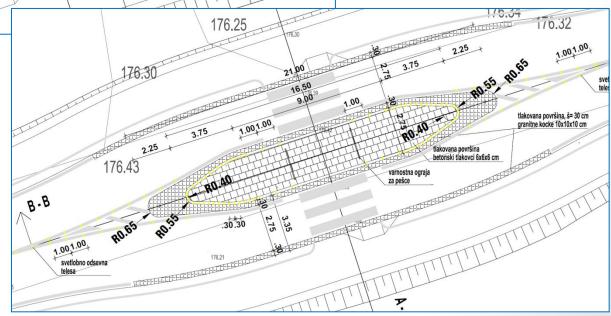


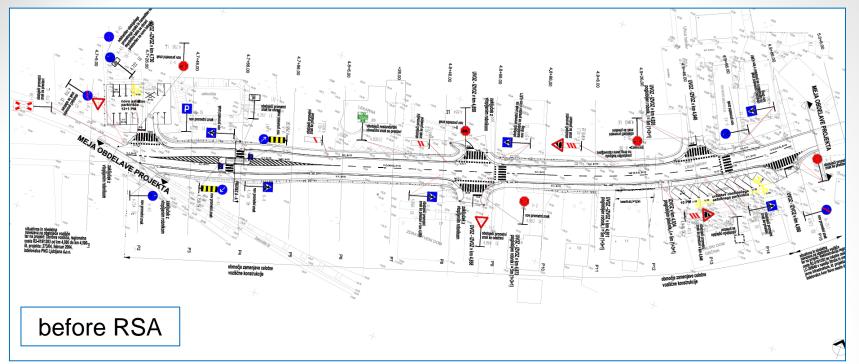
No traffic calming;

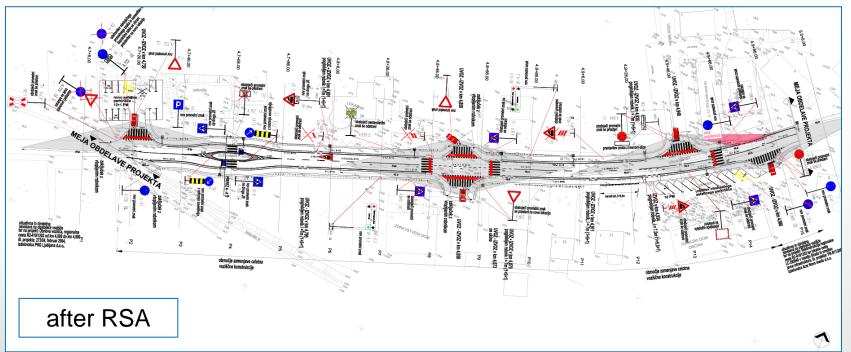
- strait road
- width 3,0 m (snow plough)
- length of traffic island 12,75 m

Traffic calming;

- Deviation of road
- width 3,25 m (snow plough) & optical narrowing to 2,75 m
- length of traffic island 21 m
- Markers for guidance







Thank you ...





NOT ONLY SPORT, LET "ROAD SAFETY" CONNECT US, AS WELL







