

“IMPLEMENTATION OF INNOVATIVE TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES IN HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT”

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ABSTRACT:

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INTRODUCTION

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PROBLEM STATEMENT:

The level of safety provided by a roadway is directly linked to the extent to which safety was explicitly considered throughout the planning, design, and construction stages. Although one design exception for a specific highway

element or the use of a minimum design value may end in an acceptably small reduction in safety, internet effect of several exceptions or the use of several minimum values can create an unsafe design condition.



Fig: Road Survey

The goal is to create a traffic and road safety management system for intelligent route planning, road usage and maintenance that fulfills the constraints imposed by the Indian scenario. this technique should work under varied road conditions, chaotic, dense and unstructured traffic and an outsized kind of vehicles. It should be cost effect, easy to deploy (no need to dig or build overhead structures) and wish minimal maintenance.

We should avoid the necessity for specialised equipment. so as to satisfy these somewhat conflicting requirements, we are willing to be content with system that does an approximate, aggregate traffic analysis and near real time reporting. we do not need a particular count or classification of vehicles but rather some information through which we'll deduce the state of traffic on a road segment.

Hence, we are willing to tradeoff accuracy of reporting with simple deployment. we would like to make a road monitoring system that's able to better quantify a road anomaly. Thus, our efforts are getting to be to undertake determine ways to report severity, intensity or dimensions of a pothole or a damaged road segment.

OBJECTIVES

- To conduct traffic survey at Intersections on road.
- To study all the safety systems for application on highway safety.
- To identify the safety issues at the survey site.
- Develop a prototype model showing the highway management system designed at the study site.
- To introduce Intelligent transportation system at the location of necessity.
- To develop a prototype model for interpretation of simulation for the safety of traffic in Northern Pune.
- To approach town planner of the area and recommend about Intelligent Transportation Systems(ITS)
- To Identify blackhole spots and implement suitable measures.
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BASIC IDEA:

Methodology

This research is aimed to provide a model with safety systems and innovations for highway safety. The survey will be conducted in Residential, commercial and construction companies in Pune. The case study has been conducted on the site at Wakad Location, Pune for analysis.

This part of the chapter describes the data collection activities undertaken to assemble a database suitable for developing frontage-road safety evaluation tools. The first section outlines the criteria used in the segment selection process. The second section describes the characteristics of the crash data. The last section describes the process used to collect traffic flow and geometry data. In the proposed model, we are not using a machine and operating it automatically by fixing sensors rather operating by manual efforts.

In this research we place the ultrasonic sensor to one side of the road to detect whether there is any traffic congestion or not, if there is a congestion then the safety system will get activated, and when there is no congestion, the system will operate normally. And if there is a congestion then a message is sent to the nearby traffic control police stating that traffic congestion has occurred. So this is a simple and can replace the heavy machines.

The various systems that can be included in construction of the models are:

- Vision based pothole detection
- ground penetrating radars
- accelerometers
- Moving Dividers.
- Sensor based signals
- Densitometer
- Special Structures
- Sign boards
- Adaptive head lighting
- Active suspension control.

CONCLUSION:

Road accidents are increasing every year in India. It has been stated in this study that accidents on India's roads are a major concern for road safety management and to decrease the road accidents, some measures also have been suggested by Road Safety Management. The main reason is that the people and drivers are not aware of road safety. In this study attempt will be made to develop a new module for interpretation of simulation for the safety of traffic in Pune

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