

Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Responsible

X. DRIVING ENVIRONMENTS & THEIR CHARACTERISTICS

Lessons and Hints to Work With Your New Teen Driver

B Urban/Metro Driving Environments

Part 10



PART B: URBAN/ METRO SHOPPING AND BUSINESS DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTS

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URBAN SHOPPING AND BUSINESS DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTS

• Surroundings-Businesses, Offices ,Shops, Stores...

- Activity from all directions
 - **Vehicles backing out from parking spaces**
 - **Pedestrians-**
 - Crossing traffic
- Traffic volume vary by area, or time and day of the week.
- Limited space to the sides
- Sidewalks

• Lanes-

- Intersections, turning lanes
- Side streets ,alleys
- Bus, Taxi, delivery lanes
- One way or two-way traffic
- Turning lanes

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Speeds-

- May be posted-up to 25 mph

Signs, Signals

- STOP, Speed Limit, Warning, Lane Use, Route Signs
- Traffic signals, pedestrian crossing

Lane Markings

- Crosswalks @ intersections and mid-block
- Stop lines
- Lane arrows, channel lines, center lines
- Bus/taxi lanes
- No-Parking zones, fire zone, loading zones

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Other Users-

- Buses, Taxis, Ride Sharing, Delivery trucks
- Pedestrians
 - Single, groups
 - Children-unpredictable, difficult to see
 - Elderly
- Cyclists

Drivers **MUST ALWAYS** yield to pedestrians in their path

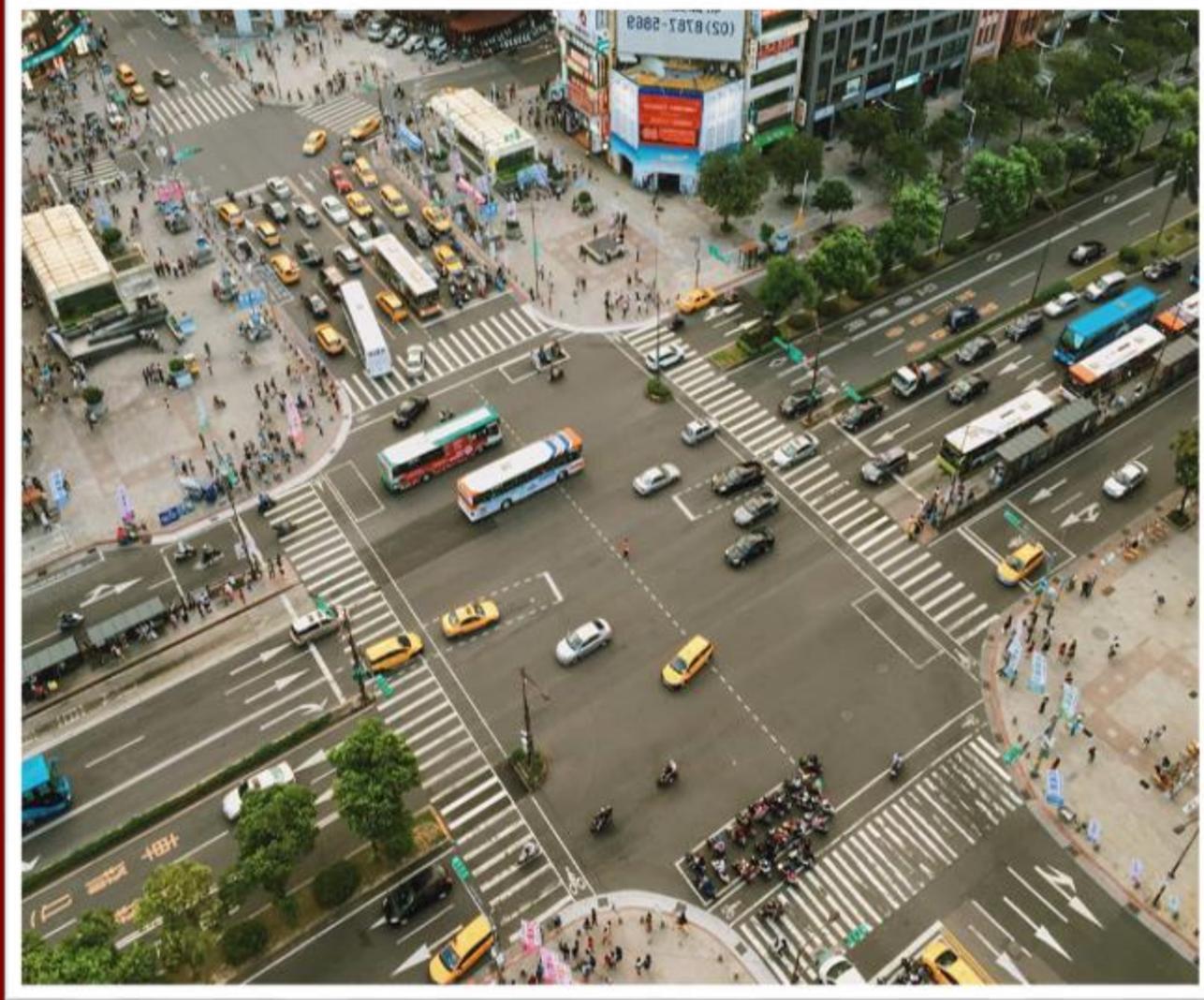
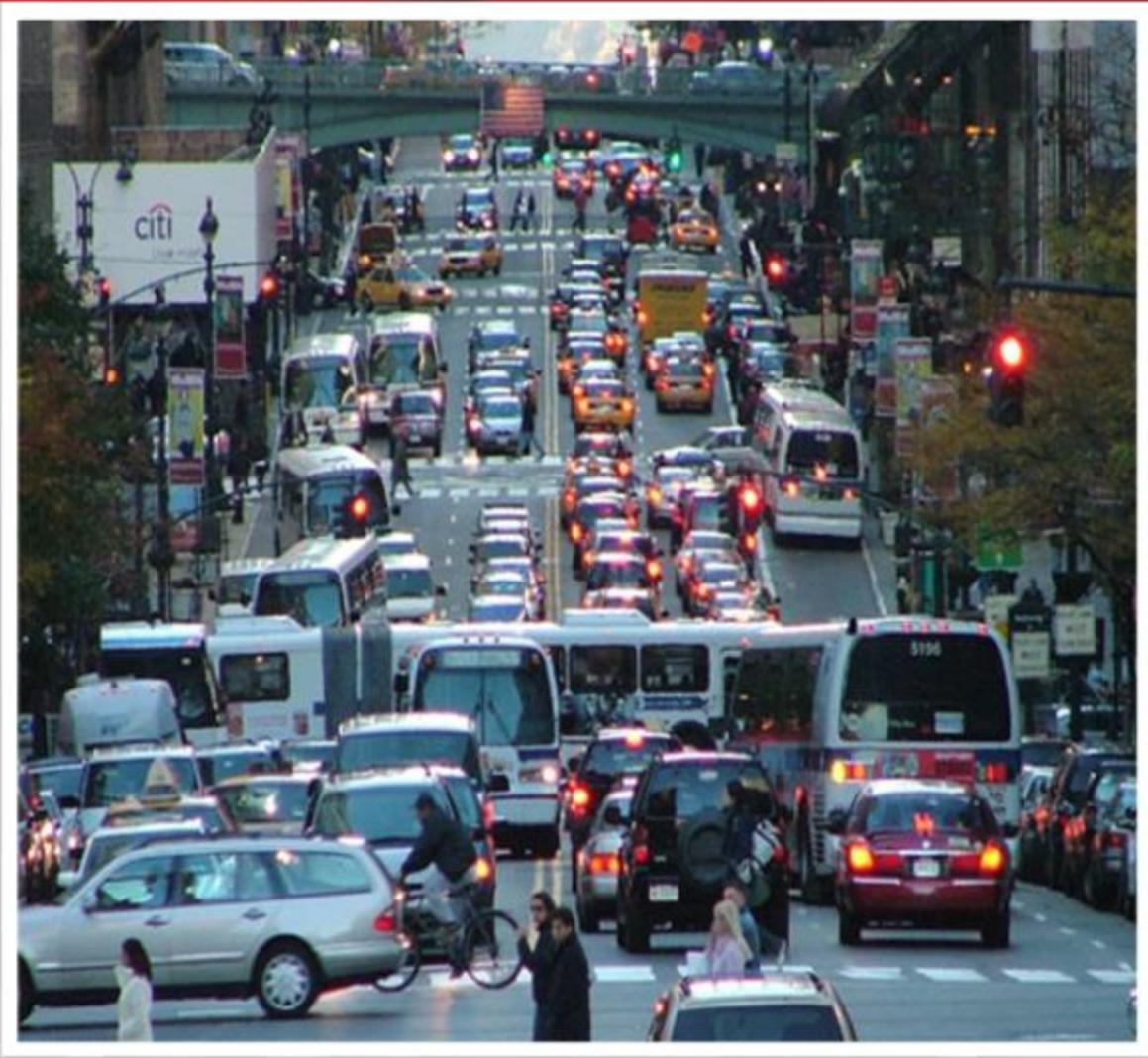
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Risk Awareness

- Sudden Stops and lane changes
- Vehicles leaving, entering parking spaces
- Drivers exiting and entering vehicles
- Blocked lanes
- Blocked sightlines buildings and large vehicles
- Reduced space front and sides
- Pedestrian actions-jaywalking, inattention and distraction, poor judgement
- High risk for rear-end collisions

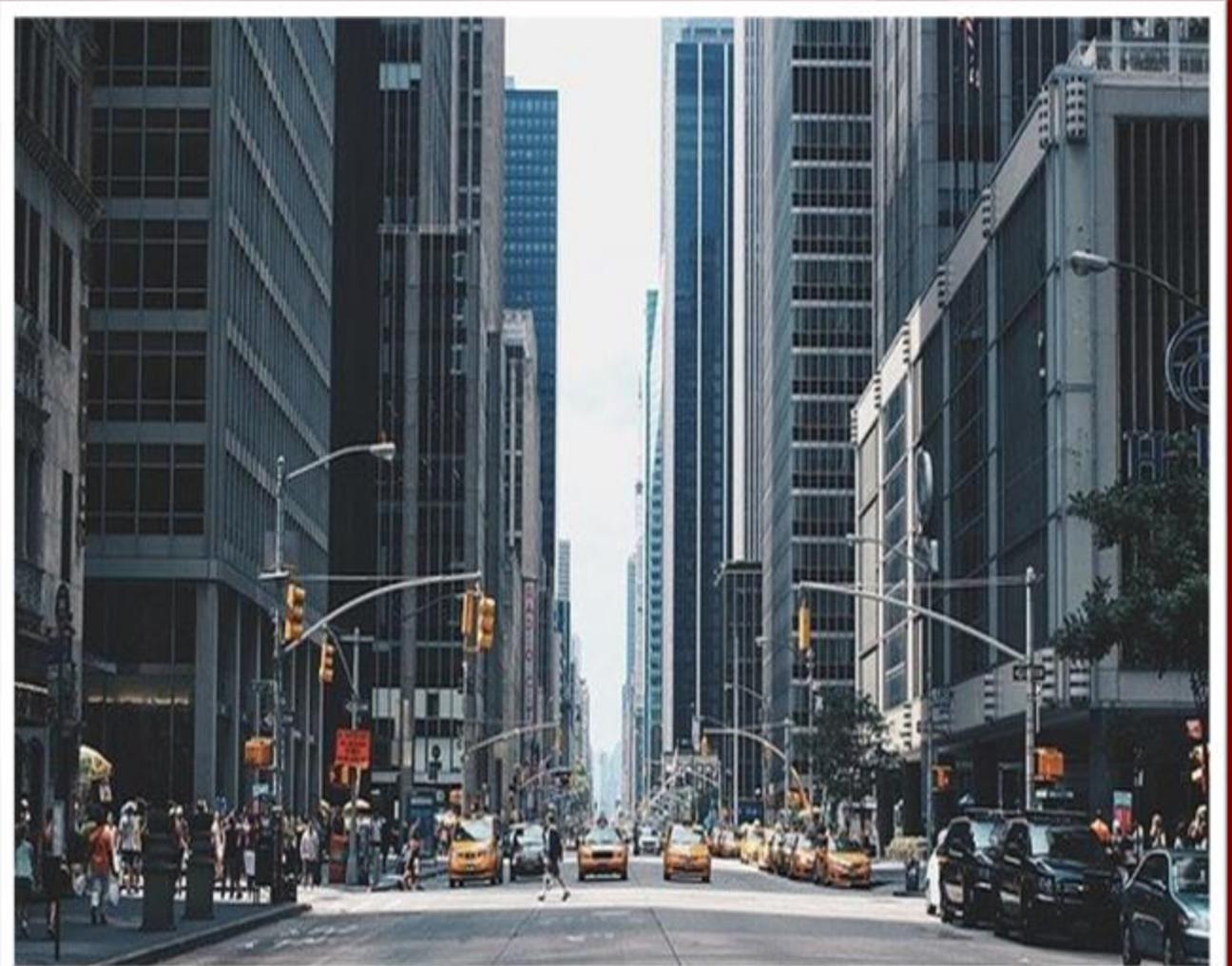
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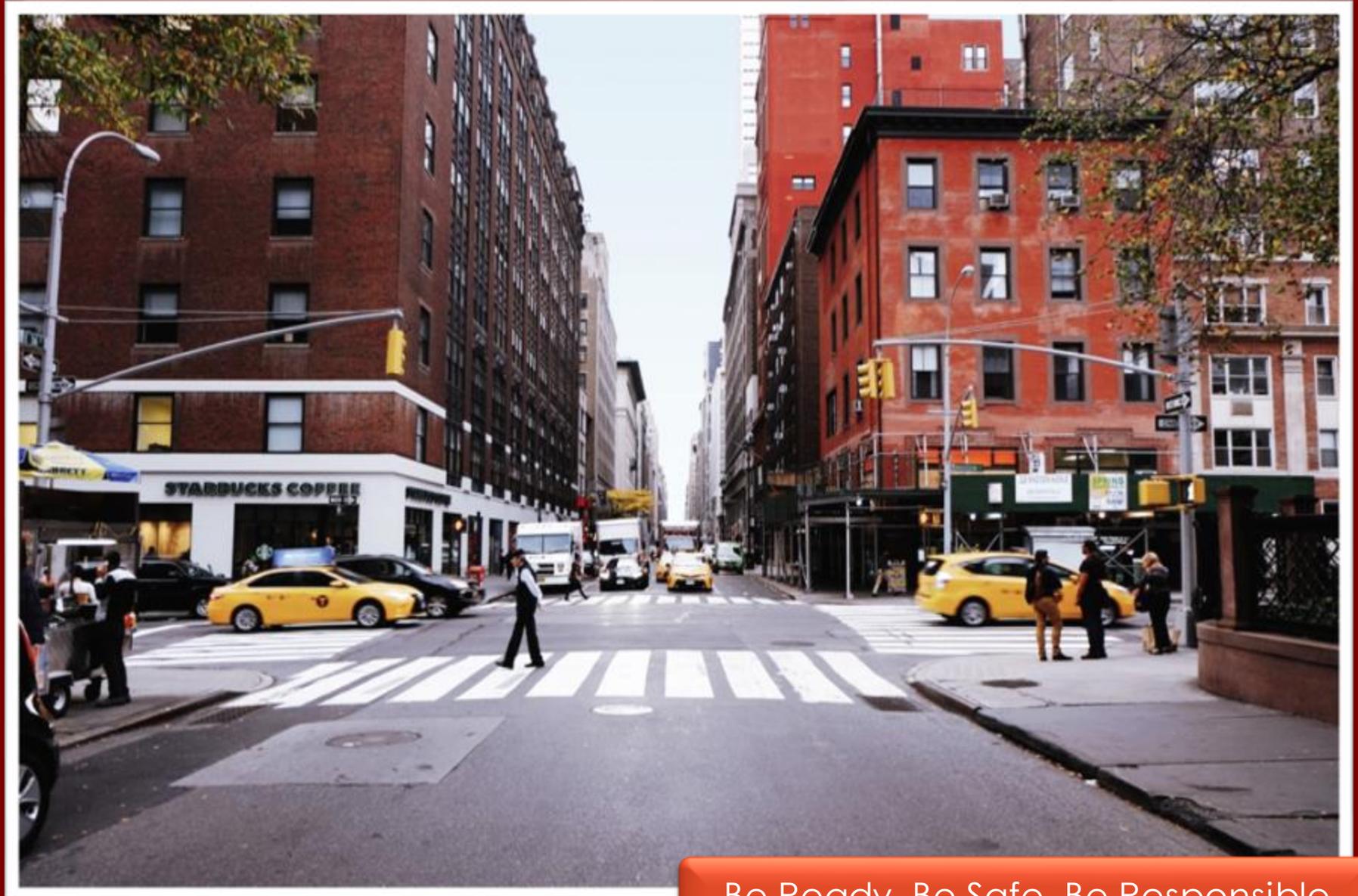
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URBAN BUSINESS DISTRICT

CHARACTERISTICS

- **LARGE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC & ACTIVITY**
TIME OF DAY
(MOTOR VEHICLES, BICYCLISTS, PEDESTRIANS
BUSES, TAXI, DELIVERY)
- **SPECIAL LANES FOR SELECTIVE USE**
- **PROTECTED AND UNPROTECTED TURNS**
- **COMPLEX INTERSECTIONS**
- **RESTRICTED SPACE**
PARKING
BLOCKED LANES
- **CROSSWALKS**
MID-BLOCK
@INTERSECTIONS

OBJECTIVES/ SKILLS

- **MAKING LEFT AND RIGHT TURNS FROM MULTIPLE LANES ONTO MULTIPLE-LANE STREETS**
- **MAKING LANE CHANGES**
PROCEDURE
BLIND SPOTS CHECKS
- **INTERACT WITH OTHER USERS**
- **YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS**
- **ENTER AND EXIT ALLEYWAYS**
- **NEGOTIATE AN OFF-SET INTERSECTION**
PROPER POSITION FOR LEFT TURN
- **SCAN THROUGH TURNS**
- **ENTER CORRECT LANE FROM TURN**
- **SELECTIVE & ROUTINE MIRROR USE**
- **PREDICT CHANGING TRAFFIC SIGNALS**
- **NAVIGATE ONE-WAY STREETS**
- **REGULAR & ROUTINE MIRROR USE**

Anticipated problems

- A. Not scanning through turn while waiting for safe gap
- B. Not entering correct lane from turn
- C. Not yielding to pedestrians in crosswalk
- D. Not turning with oncoming vehicle turning in same direction
- E. Shortened sight distances
- F. Not selectively using mirrors
- G. Not checking selected blind spots

End Part 10

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