

## **ABSTRACT**

Safety and security is important for any activity to take place in any place in the world but also one of the least provided for during development in African countries. This has resulted in many African countries being insecure. This makes many neighbourhoods uncomfortable to walk, shop and work in. However some cities have been able to provide crime free environments for its residents with the use of modern urban design techniques and urban planning to provide user friendly roads. User friendly roads are the most comfortable, safe and appealing to interact and work with.

It is in this regard that this planning development project was developed to enable solve difficulties of insecurity along First Avenue. The main security problem along this Avenue is immobility and unfriendly environment to walk in due to lack of street furniture and pedestrian infrastructure. This is mainly because of the encroachments along the walkways, unmaintained pedestrian walkways and lack of provision for the pedestrian walkways during road construction. To improve the road experience along First Avenue several objectives were formulated that is; to make an inventory of the existing site development and condition; to review relevant literature, policy, design guidelines and regulations for crime prevention in Eastleigh; to develop the projects implementation framework, monitoring and evaluation.

Both primary and secondary methods of data collection were used for this development project. Primary methods used included photography and observation while secondary sources included legal and policy framework guidelines statutes and policies, journals, and development control guidelines.

The street does not have much street furniture and amenities which makes it difficult for the road users to enjoy their shopping within the shopping centre. Some of the street furniture that makes the street safe such as street lighting, zebra crossing or crossing lines, street benches cycle paths, pedestrian walkways and waste receptacles are not provided for on the street.