



Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 - Ward 1

School/Location: St. Anne Catholic School, 124 Vodden Street

Principal: Laura Rossi

Time(s): 8:30 a.m. 3:10 p.m.

Phone: 905-459-7621

Weather: a.m.: chilly, clear / p.m.: sunny, clear

Requested By: Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor, on behalf of Brampton resident

Nature of Problem: Traffic congestion on Vodden Street in vicinity of the school

Observers Present: (A.M.): Renee Crone, Abdul Rashid - Citizen Members; Kim Bernard, Supervisor, Team Lead; (P.M.): Renee Crone, Abdul Rashid, Citizen Members; Kim Bernard, Supervisor, Team lead

Observations:

1. The entrance of St. Anne Catholic school is located on the north side of the signalized intersection of Vodden Street and Post Road. A crossing guard is located at the intersection. Dedicated bike lanes are available on both sides of Vodden Street and one through lane in each direction.
 2. Signage indicating 40 km/hr speed, Crossing Ahead, and School Area signs are located in the vicinity of the school. Signs are posted on both sides of Vodden indicating "No Stopping Anytime", and there is a bus loading zone on the road west of the school entrance.
 3. The school driveway has a through lane, a Kiss and Ride lane, and two exit lanes. The length of the Kiss and Ride area is short and there was not sufficient staff to keep traffic flow going.
 4. During the morning site inspection, a number of motorists entered the driveway to utilize the Kiss and Ride. Motorists waiting to turn right or left as they exited the school caused congestion on Vodden Street and many drivers went around them in the designated bike lane and completed their turns on an amber signal.
 5. The crossing guard is positioned for the east leg of the intersection. Traffic turning right to enter the school drove in the bike lanes, turned on the red signal, and stopped on the crosswalk, which created safety concerns for pedestrians.
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6. During the site inspection, it was observed, that the school bus drivers heading westbound were driving in the designated bike lane to get to the bus loading area.
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7. During dismissal in order to exit the school, motorists parked in the right turn exit lane. This hindered the ability of other cars to turn right safely and made it unsafe for pedestrians to cross that leg of the intersection.
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Recommendations:

1. That the Site Inspection report be received;
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2. That the Principal be requested to arrange for the following:
 - To distribute educational information to the school community regarding bike lanes, Kiss & Ride operation, and safety around schools
 - To encourage guardians to utilize the church parking lot located on the south side of Vodden Street, as an alternative area to drop-off and pick-up students;
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3. That Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) advise the bus company to educate the drivers to not drive in the designated bike lanes;
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4. That Peel Police be requested to visit the area during arrival and dismissal times to enforce the bike lane infractions; and
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5. That the Senior Manager of Traffic Services arrange for the following:
 - To review the traffic signal operations to determine if an eastbound advance green signal can be implemented
 - To review the intersection to determine if “No Right Turn on Red” signage maybe implemented for westbound traffic.
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