

Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – Ward 5

School/Location: Jean Augustine Secondary School, 500 Elbern Markell Drive

Principal: Steven Alderton

Time(s): 7:45 a.m./ 2:15 p.m.

Phone: 905-796-4562

Weather: Cool but pleasant day

Requested By: Sara McCormick, School Administration

Nature of Problem: Review traffic congestion on Elbern Markell Drive in front of the school, and Kiss and Ride area

Observers Present: AM: Don Haberer, Citizen Member; Will Davis, Trustee, Dufferin-Peel District Catholic School Board; Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor
PM: Charles Gonsalves, Citizen Member; Violet Skirten, Crossing guard Supervisor.

Observations:

1. Jean Augustine Secondary School is located at the southwest corner of Elbern Markell Drive and Bovaird Drive. Approximately 1,381 students attend this school which is serviced by large and small buses.
 2. Fluorescent school area signs are located in the vicinity of the school and speed limit is posted at 40 km/hr. Pedestrian lines are painted on Elbern Markel Drive at Bovaird Drive.
 3. The bus entrance is located at the north end of the school. Traffic cones were placed at the bus entrance to discourage drivers from entering the driveway. Smaller buses utilized this area. A large parking lot area is located at the south end of the school that lead to a Kiss and Ride area and a drop-off for students. The large buses also used this area to pick up and drop off students.
 4. The pavement markings in the bus loading area needs to be refreshed. At the exit there was a confusing arrow pattern that is unclear
 5. "No Stopping" restrictions are located on west side of Elbern Markell Drive from the northerly driveway to Bovaird Drive. The signage was not placed adequately for drivers to see.
 6. "No Stopping" corner restrictions are located on the east side of Elbern Markell Drive at Bovaird Drive.
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7. Oversized “No Parking” signs are located on the south side of Bovaird Drive in the vicinity of the school.

8. At the morning and afternoon observations, the Kiss and Ride area and parking lot at the south of the school, was underused and uncongested.

9. During morning and afternoon inspections, vehicles parked on both sides of Elbern Markell Drive illegally between the northerly driveway and Bovaird Drive to drop off/pick up students. This caused congestion on Elbern Markel Drive and on Bovaird Drive, as many students walked between cars to cross the roadway. Many did not utilize the crosswalk at the intersection.

10. Several drivers made U-turns on Elbern Markel Drive between Bovaird Drive and in this area.

11. During the site inspections several drivers entered and exited Elbern Markel Drive from Bovaird Drive and this created traffic congestion. The parked/stopped vehicles added to the congestion in this area.

12. During both site inspections several vehicles parked legally on both sides of Elbern Markel Drive in front of the school and on Yardley Crescent.

13. During the evening site inspection, many drivers arrived early and parked on Elbern Markel Drive illegally and legally on both sides of Elbern Markel. Drivers also parked on Lanark Circle.

14. During the morning site inspection, several eastbound drivers stopped on Bovaird Drive to allow students out. In the evening the drivers stopped and parked on Bovaird Drive in the right turn lane which caused congestion.

Recommendations:

1. That the Site Inspection report for Jean Augustine Secondary School be received;

2. That the Manager of Traffic Operations and Parking be requested to arrange for:
 - The installation of “No Stopping” anytime on the east side of Elbern Markell Drive and from Bovaird Drive to Lanark Circle
 - Review the existing “No Stopping” signage on the west side of Elbern Markell Drive from Bovaird to the northerly school driveway to ensure it is adequate for the location
 - The installation “No Stopping, Mon-Fri, 8-5” restrictions on east of Elbern Markell Drive, from Lanark Circle to Banbridge Crescent
 - The installation of “No U-Turns” on Elbern Markell Drive between Bovaird Drive and Banbridge Crescent

3. That the Principal be requested to:
 - Ask the school board to review the pavement markings and signage in the Bus Loading area.
 - Educate and encourage drivers to use the Kiss and Ride operation to pick up/drop off students at the south end of the school.

4. That the Region of Peel be requested to:
 - Arrange for “No Parking” signs to be placed on the south side of Bovaird Drive between Mississauga Road and Elbern Markell Drive to replace the “No Stopping” signs.

5. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-Law Services be requested to monitor and enforce the “No Stopping” restrictions on Elbern Markel Drive and Bovaird Drive arrival and dismissal times now and in the future when the new signage is in place; and

6. That Peel Regional Police be requested to enforce the “No U-turn” signage, once installed, on Elbern Markell Drive at arrival and dismissal times of the school.
