

Delegation to the City of Brampton Community Safety
Advisory Committee. April 18th, 2024

Good evening, councillors and committee members. I am here regarding a traffic safety issue, involving, but not limited to, the intersection of Dixie Road and Howden Boulevard.

My name is Stephen Laidlaw and I am speaking to you as a long time resident of Ward 7, a cyclist and a motorist, here in Brampton.

The installation of bicycle lanes on Vodden Street, continuing on Howden Boulevard to Chinguacousy Park, was a welcome addition to the cycling infrastructure in Brampton. It provided a low stress alternative to Queen Street as an east/west corridor.

However, an unnecessary area of conflict has surfaced at the intersection of Dixie Road and Howden Boulevard. It involves vehicles making right hand turns at Dixie, from the bike lanes.

City staff noted a rate of non-compliance of over 90% at this intersection, in terms of motorists making illegal right turns. What this means is that, not only are those

using the bike lane in danger of collision, but also motorists trying to make legal right turns.

One of the tenants of Vision Zero, which the City of Brampton and the Region of Peel have adopted, is the engineering concept of minimizing conflict areas between vehicles, pedestrians and vulnerable road users.

This intersection is an area where physical separation measures need to be adopted, as signage does not seem to be working.