



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

A monthly compilation of national, provincial and local news stories on road safety

For the Period September 1-30, 2024

Surrey Completes Road Safety Enhancements in Time for Back to School

September 4 2024, City of Surrey

The City of Surrey has installed additional road safety measures this year to make it safer for children to get to school this fall.

Prioritizing road safety near schools and parks helps the city meet its Vision Zero commitments to ensure everyone can travel safely across the city whether driving, cycling or walking.

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Montreal mayor urges Quebec for more photo radars to improve school zone safety

September 4 2024, CBC

Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante says that the city needs 300 photo radars to calm traffic, particularly in school zones, but she is disappointed with the Quebec government's plan to purchase only 250 for the entire province.

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Montreal expands student safety program to 32 schools, 5 parks

September 5 2024, CityNews Montreal

The City of Montreal is continuing to implement measures this year to make school zones and parks safer for young people.

Montreal says 32 high schools, elementary schools and daycares, as well as five parks - across 10 boroughs - will share \$14 million in 2024 as part of the Programme de sécurisation aux abords des écoles (PSAÉ).

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So far, 30 people have died on Toronto's roads in 2024

September 5 2024, CBC

In an effort to get more drivers to slow down, Toronto has introduced advanced pedestrian signalling, increased its use of automatic speed cameras, rebuilt entire intersections and improved cycling infrastructure by adding more protected intersections and bike lanes – but advocates say the city's efforts are not fast enough, as more people have died in fatal collisions so far this year than during the same period in 2023.

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Highlights from the September 2024 Transit Executive Committee meeting

September 5 2024, Durham Region Transit

On Wednesday, September 4, members of the Durham Region Transit Executive Committee (TEC) met to discuss various Durham Region Transit (DRT) initiatives and updates.

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Durham Region uses hardened centre lines in pilot project to encourage road safety

September 6 2024, Durham Region

Earlier this year, the Region of Durham installed a hardened centre line on Old Brock Road at the intersection of Brock Road in the City of Pickering as part of a pilot project to guide northbound left-turn movements from Brock Road into the receiving lane. Hardened centre lines are a safety measure consisting of a 3-inch-high rubber speed bump placed on the centre line of a road, extending from approximately 14 metres away from the intersection.

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Why don't speed limits match the speed roads were designed to handle?

September 8 2024, The Globe and Mail

As I understand it, roads are designed for certain speeds. So why isn't the speed limit always the same as the design speed? How is the speed limit decided? - Dave, Edmonton

Some roads may be built for speed, but that doesn't mean drivers can handle it, road safety experts said.

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Cars collect troves of data about traffic and road hazards. Should they share it?

September 8 2024, City News Toronto

The secret to avoiding red lights during rush hour in Utah's largest city might be as simple as following a bus.

Transportation officials have spent the past few years refining a system in which radio transmitters inside commuter buses talk directly to the traffic signals in the Salt Lake City area, requesting a few extra seconds of green when they approach.

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US seeks new pedestrian safety rules aimed at increasingly massive SUVs and pickup trucks

September 9 2024, City News Halifax

The U.S. government's road safety agency wants the auto industry to design new vehicles including increasingly large SUVs and pickup trucks so they reduce pedestrian deaths and injuries.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Monday that for the first time it's proposing a new rule setting testing and performance requirements to minimize the risk of pedestrian head injuries.

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New data shows that City of Toronto's traffic congestion management measures are working

September 12 2024, City of Toronto

Today, the City of Toronto released new data demonstrating the success of traffic congestion management measures in speeding up travel times and improving transit reliability on several key corridors.

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John Ducker: Why is Norway the safest place to drive?

September 13 2024, Times Colonist

I'm still having trouble moving on from a stat that occurred this summer. This past July, 51 people were killed on B.C. roads – one of the worst months in our history – including 25 deaths in 10 days between July 5 and July 15, according to BC Emergency Health Services.

Two families were killed within 24 hours in separate crashes in Agassiz and Keremeos. Appalling is the only word I can come up with.

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Hikvision to Bring Smarter, Greener Mobility to ITS World Congress 2024

September 13 2024, Canada Newswire

Hikvision is set to unveil its latest innovations in urban mobility at the ITS World Congress 2024, taking place from September 16th to 20th in Dubai. Located at booth number H6-G6, Hikvision invites attendees to experience a transformative vision of urban mobility, anchored in the theme: "Embrace AIoT for safer, smarter, and greener mobility."

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Police cracking down on dangerous drivers in Mississauga plaza

September 14 2024, CBC

Peel police are increasing their presence in a busy Mississauga plaza this weekend in their ongoing efforts to curb dangerous driving in the area.

Plazas around Peel Region have reported issues with street racing and illegal driving manoeuvres, said Manan Gupta, a board member of the Canadian Association of Road Safety Professionals.

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Drivers more likely to be distracted while using partial automation tech, study shows

September 16 2024, Yahoo Finance

Drivers are more likely to engage in non-driving activities such as checking their phones when using partial automation systems, new research showed on Tuesday.

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety conducted month-long studies in the U.S. with two such systems - Tesla's Autopilot and Volvo's Pilot Assist - to examine driver behavior when the technology was in use.

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New AI cameras to be used to cut deaths on road

September 19 2024, Yahoo News Canada

Artificial intelligence cameras, which can spot motorists who text while driving, are being set up on a road after a rise in serious crashes.

Nine people have died in less than two years on the A361 near Frome, Somerset.

It will be the first time the new technology will be used in the county. The cameras can also spot if a driver is breaking the speed limit or not wearing a seatbelt.

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Ontario plans to table legislation aiming to restrict bike lanes on city streets

September 20 2024, Toronto City News

The provincial government is planning to table legislation next month to restrict bike lanes on city streets, sources tell 680News Radio.

Ontario Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria was expected to address the matter at a press conference on Friday but remained tight-lipped about any future decisions.

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Toronto officials unveil latest plans to ease traffic congestion

September 20 2024, CBC

City officials have revealed their latest plans to tackle traffic congestion in Toronto – with the help of some proposed fines and fees.

Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow told reporters at a briefing Friday that the city wants to address bad behaviour on city streets. As a growing city, Chow said Toronto has about 250 cranes in the sky, but that means a lot of construction, cars and traffic.

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'This is about safety': Speeding, dangerous driving renews calls for vehicle seizures

September 23 2024, CTV News Edmonton

Fatal crashes involving speed have become a deadly trend on Edmonton streets.

"Traffic safety is extremely important. The numbers are high here, they're trending higher this year," said Edmonton Police Chief Dale McFee.

Some drivers have been taking to social media to brag about their bad driving behaviour, posting videos of sports cars and motorcycles lane splitting and driving at excessive speeds.

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Online tool for collision reports claims to reduce wait times by 40 per cent

September 24 2024, CTV News Edmonton

An online tool now available to local drivers allows them to begin their fender-bender report from their desktop or their mobile device.

The web tool has been available since the start of the year from Accident Support Services International, which is funded by insurance companies. It aims to reduce the time spent waiting at collision centres.

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Protecting young riders: Transportation supervisor comments on bus safety measures

September 25 2024, Discover Weyburn

School buses play an essential role in ensuring the safety of students as they travel to and from school. Transportation supervisor for the Southeast Cornerstone Public School Division, Andy Verhaeghe, says a key part of bus safety comes down to the conduct of students on board. Rules for busing students are posted in every bus.

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May 20-23, 2025

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