



# Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period July 1-31, 2025

## Vancouver approves plan to lower residential speed limits to 30 km/h

July 9 2025, City News Vancouver

Vancouver city councillors approved a plan on Wednesday that will change the way drivers navigate the city. Councillors approved the measures from a staff report that suggested lowering the speed limit on minor streets down to 30 kilometres per hour.

This is part of the 'Vision Zero' strategy, which aims to reduce deadly crashes and injuries to zero by introducing traffic changes. The idea has already been implemented across parts of Europe, in New York, Seattle and in Edmonton, where speed limits dropped to 40 kilometres per hour in 2021.

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## Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Delivers \$1.54M in Grants to Saskatchewan Communities

July 14 2025, saskatchewan.ca

Flashing pedestrian crossing signs in Estevan, a crosswalk in Lampman and streetlights on the Red Earth Cree Nation are among the road safety enhancements that will be delivered using funding provided in the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund's latest round of grants.

Sixty-two projects in 61 Saskatchewan communities will receive grants, totalling nearly \$1.54 million. Grants in this round range from \$853 to \$100,000.

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## Road safety laws lag adoption of personal e-bikes and e-scooters, CAA study finds

July 16 2025, newswire.ca

As sales of electric bicycles and scooters rise across Canada, a new study released by the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) reveals gaps in safety regulations, data collection, and public awareness, while also noting that shared mobility fleets operate with stricter rules and can be a positive example for change.

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## Redesigned intersections: How Mississauga is advancing road safety to prevent collisions

July 16 2025, mississauga.ca

In Mississauga, collisions at intersections continue to be a big concern. Factors like speeding, aggressive driving, heavy traffic and running red lights can heighten the risk of collisions at intersections - including near misses with pedestrians and cyclists. Since 2018, the City has been focused on achieving its long-term Vision Zero goal of zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries on Mississauga roads. Part of this effort includes redesigning intersections to prevent collisions.

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## New Westminster Receives Over \$3M from TransLink to Fund Active Transportation

July 17 2025, [civicinfo.bc.ca](http://civicinfo.bc.ca)

The City of New Westminster has received \$3.96 million from TransLink as part of its annual Local Government Funding Programs to fund transportation improvement projects; of the total received funding, over \$3 million will be used to fund the implementation of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and safety measures identified in the City's Active Transportation Network Plan.

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## Small drop in speed limit can make big difference

July 18 2025, Times Colonist

It's physics: The faster you go, the less time you have to react, the longer it takes to stop.

Research from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the World Health Organization and B.C.'s Road Safety Strategy shows that a 5% increase in average speed leads to 10% more total crashes and 20% more fatal crashes. At the same time, a 10 km/h reduction can cut risk by 20-30%. A 20% speed reduction can lower crash likelihood by a whopping 60%.

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## **Insurers: Pay attention to these predictors of future collisions**

July 21 2025, Canadian Under Writer

Near-misses involving pedestrians and cyclists in Canada are predictors of future collisions, but there are intersection design features that can help reduce these incidents, says a new study commissioned by CAA.

“The findings are clear, near-misses are not isolated events; they are daily warnings that demand attention,” says Teresa Di Felice, assistant vice president of government and community relations at CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO), in a press release. “The results of this study create an opportunity to proactively assess intersection design and implement measures that enhance safety for all road users.”

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## **Speed cameras are changing driver behaviour: CAA study**

July 23 2025, OrilliaMatters

New findings from CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO) show that Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) is changing driver behaviour. According to the research, ASE cameras are influencing habit changes in drivers in two ways: drivers are either slowing down or avoiding ASE cameras altogether.

“When drivers choose to slow down or change their routes because of photo radar, it means the technology is doing what it’s meant to, reminding us to be more mindful behind the wheel,” says Michael Stewart, community relations consultant for CAA SCO.

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## How Vancouver Is Rebooting Road Safety

July 23 2025, The Tyee

In 2020, there were 6,249 crashes that resulted in injury or death in Vancouver. In 2021, that rose to 7,389. By 2022, the number was 7,464. In 2023, the number dropped slightly to 7,329, before rising to 7,666 in 2024, according to data collected by ICBC.

“We haven’t reached zero yet, and the only acceptable number of deaths and injuries on our roads is zero,” said Lucy Maloney, a Vancouver city councillor. “Worldwide, millions of people die every year on the roads, and that should be something that we don’t find acceptable.”

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## Northern Ontario leaders push for safer 2+1 highways

July 23 2025, CTV News

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is calling on federal and provincial governments to invest in critical upgrades to Highways 11 and 17, aiming to improve both trade efficiency and road safety in the region.

FONOM has outlined a two-phase expansion plan to convert stretches of the highways into a “2+1” model - a design featuring two lanes in one direction and one in the other, separated by a crash-rated median barrier. The configuration alternates every 2 to 5 kilometres, allowing safe passing opportunities for drivers in both directions.

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## Orillia speed cameras nab over 2,000 drivers within first month

July 25 2025, OrilliaMatters

In less than a month, the City of Orillia's new speed camera program has already caught thousands of drivers exceeding the posted limit in areas designed to protect children, pedestrians, and vulnerable road users.

As of July 25, more than 2,000 penalties had been issued through the city's new automated speed enforcement (ASE) program, which uses stationary cameras to capture images of vehicles exceeding the 40 km/h speed limit in designated community safety zones.

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## Keating Cross Road flyover will improve safety, traffic flow

July 25 2025, BC Gov News

The new northbound flyover on Patricia Bay Highway connecting to Keating Cross Road will be open for drivers on Monday, July 28, 2025, bringing significant safety and traffic-flow improvements to the region.

"People driving through this region need to be able to count on safe and smooth travel when they're heading to their homes, work, the airport or ferries," said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit.

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## Car Thermal Night Vision by Robofinity: Enhance 2025 Night Safety

July 25 2025, The Globe and Mail

As road safety takes center stage in 2025, Robofinity announces the release of its cutting-edge InsightDrive Car Thermal Night Vision system, redefining how drivers tackle darkness, glare, fog, and night-time dangers. With traditional night vision systems falling short under harsh conditions, Robofinity InsightDrive is becoming a must-have for every vehicle.

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## \$125 fines for drivers who block intersections could be in Mississauga's future

July 26 2025, insauga.com

On the heels of sweeping parking fine increases introduced back in April, City of Mississauga officials are now considering slapping financial penalties on motorists who clog up intersections.

Unlike some other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area, Mississauga does not have a set fine for blocking signalized intersections, Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Dasko said in a notice of motion that calls for the \$125 penalty, among other measures, in efforts to clean up traffic safety issues at those pedestrian-heavy locations.

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## Are there laws against angry honking?

July 27 2025, The Globe and Mail

“A horn in a vehicle is to be used for safety, such as warning others of a hazard,” Corporal Troy Savinkoff, an Alberta RCMP spokesman, said in an email. “It is not to be used to vent frustration or interfere with other users of the road.”

In Alberta, the law states you can’t use a horn unless you’re “giving notice” to drivers and others on the road and you can’t “make more noise than is reasonably necessary.” It’s a \$155 fine but you could also be charged with stunting (with fines starting at \$567) if you’re distracting or startling drivers, cyclists or pedestrians, Savinkoff said.

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## E-scooter hospitalizations on the rise; adult men most often injured

July 28 2025, steinbachonline.com

As the popularity of e-scooters continues to rise, so too does the number of injuries. That is according to Diana Craiovan, Program Lead for Hospital Data Advancement and Engagement with Canadian Institute for Health Information. The Institute recently released a report on the leading causes of injury-related hospitalizations and emergency department visits in Canada. Craiovan says the report shows a 32 per cent increase in e-scooter injuries from 2022/23 to 2023/24.

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## Majority of Manitoba drivers worry about distracted driving, survey suggests

July 30 2025, CBC

Distracted driving is a top concern for Manitobans, a new survey done for the Canadian Automobile Association suggests. The CAA, a national non-profit that advocates for issues such as road safety and infrastructure while offering services like roadside assistance, hired DIG Insights to do an online survey of 506 adult drivers in Manitoba about their thoughts on distracted driving from Feb. 11-21.

Nearly 90 per cent of the drivers surveyed said they felt somewhat or very concerned about distracted driving in the province, CAA said. About 60 per cent of those surveyed said they've seen a close call or a traffic violation caused by distracted driving.

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