



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

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

For the Period March 1-31, 2026

Mississauga taps into provincial funding to expand investments into road safety measures

March 5, 2026, Mississauga.ca

While the use of automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras ended last November as a result of provincial legislation, Mississauga remains committed to road safety. Following the province's decision to cancel the ASE program, the City has received interim provincial funding of \$2,242,888 from the Road Safety Initiatives Fund (RSIF). Additional provincial funding of \$8,934,513 will be provided to enhance road safety initiatives in school zones and community safety zones across Mississauga, reimbursed after costs are incurred by the City.

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Beyond 'Sleepy Monday:' Springing forward can leave drivers tired for weeks

March 9, 2026, The Globe and Mail

If you're feeling sleepy on your morning drive today, get used to it. After the switch to daylight saving time (DST), your chances of getting into a crash spring forward for weeks because of drowsy driving, an expert said. "We talk about losing an hour of sleep, but it's actually much worse than that," said Michael Antle, a professor of psychology and neuroscience at the University of Calgary. "[DST] is forcing you up and out of bed an hour before you're ready for many weeks."

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Introducing new overheight-detection system to enhance road safety

March 11, 2026, BC Gov News

A new overheight-detection system (OHDS) in Abbotsford will protect travellers and property by helping prevent overpass collisions.

“Overheight collisions are entirely preventable,” said Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit. “This new system will help ensure overheight commercial drivers get advanced warning before reaching the overpass. By combining proven detection tools with stronger enforcement methods, we are taking action to reduce the number of strikes and keep people and goods moving safely.”

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Alberta increases fines for distracted driving, other traffic offences by up to 50%

March 13, 2026, Global News

Alberta’s government wants to send a clear message to drivers – if you’re behaving dangerously on its roads, it’s going to cost you.

Starting March 13, the fines for offences such as excessive speeding of 40 km/h or more over the limit, careless driving, racing or stunting will increase by up to 50 per cent

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Speed limits and safety – follow the science

March 16, 2026, Winnipeg Free Press

The premier of Manitoba recently appeared hesitant about collaborating with Winnipeg city council on a public works proposal to lower the city's default residential speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. Without a provincial amendment to the Highway Traffic Act, the city says implementing the change would require installing signs on hundreds of streets, at a cost of up to \$10 million to taxpayers.

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Solo drivers will soon be able to use HOV lanes in off-peak hours: transportation minister

March 17, 2026, CBC

Highway lanes designated for carpoolers will soon be opened up to solo drivers at certain times of the day, Ontario's transportation minister said Tuesday.

The Ford government's latest attempt to reduce gridlock – which has included an ongoing effort to remove bike lanes in downtown Toronto and a \$9-million study on the feasibility of digging a subterranean highway under Highway 401 – will allow anyone to use high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes during off-peak hours, Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria said in a news release.

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Enhancing enforcement, expediting project development among new highway safety measures

March 23, 2026, Sudbury.com

Enhanced enforcement and speeding up development projects are among the improvements the provincial government announced March 20, with the intention of increasing safety on Highways 11 and 17.

George Pirie, minister of economic development and growth, announced the measures in a news release.

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'No common sense': Ride in a robotaxi shows the promise - and limits - of driverless cars

March 25, 2026, The Globe and Mail

My first trip in a self-driving Waymo taxi didn't feel like a bold glimpse into the future. It felt like riding with a student driver.

Nothing it did on the four-kilometre trip through Phoenix in December was dangerous exactly, but it made some odd moves such as giving the right of way to a driver who had a stop sign when we didn't.

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Where B.C. stands on self-driving cars and what recent incidents reveal about safety, rules

March 25, 2026, CBC

Transport Canada doesn't currently permit the purchase or import of fully automated vehicles.

A recent incident involving a Tesla driver, who police say appeared to be asleep at the wheel, has renewed questions about how self-driving technology is being used and regulated in B.C.

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Rethinking Road Safety in the age of AI | Driving into the Future Panel | Driving.ca

March 26, 2026, Driving.ca

For years, we've been told that the future of automotive safety is removing the human factor and let the robots do the driving. Despite that promise, the autonomous revolution seems ever more distant. So, what is the future of automotive safety?

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John Ducker: Overconfidence and inexperience a dangerous combination for young drivers

March 27, 2026, Times Colonist

Adults should provide guidance and supervision to ensure development of safe driving habits.

Every generation has said it: young drivers take risks. What we're only beginning to understand is why – and how unforgiving the road is when they do. For many teen drivers, the most dangerous thing in the car isn't the engine; it's the belief that nothing bad will ever happen to them.

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Systems that allow motorists to drive hands-free don't improve safety, U.S. NTSB head says

March 31, 2026, The Globe and Mail

The systems that allow drivers to take their hands off the wheel are convenient but don't improve safety because people are often too reliant on them and end up paying more attention to their cellphones and infotainment screens than to the road, the head of the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

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