

Richmond Council.

I would like the time to make this presentation to the Richmond council

STANDARDISE RICHMOND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

6450-17-01

Install yellow approach warning signs at all crossings (now 10%) plus no passing sign(now 2%)

I am ashamed to admit that for months I have expounded on the dangers that the haphazard and irregular pedestrian crossing signage in Richmond creates, but I have not made any constructive input. The recent tragedy at a Richmond crosswalk has prompted me to make the following submission.

As a background let me say that crosswalks were first introduced in Britain with a huge fanfare, each crosswalk was designated with a large illuminated circular globe beacon, both pedestrians and motorists were bombarded with cautions.

In Ontario they were introduced with a point your way across the walk campaign and well marked crossings. I was horrified when I arrived in BC to find insignificantly marked crossings inviting pedestrians to put their life on the line, the fact is that crossing at these deathtraps is less safe than where they do not exist. Being lulled into a sense that a driver will react to these signs is extremely dangerous.

This is especially true when a responsive driver in the inside lane invites the pedestrian to cross only for a driver in the outside lane to be totally unaware of the crossing and drive straight into the victim, as recently happened in Richmond. Examples of inconsistency abound within a few blocks of my home. On Blundel, one school has a children crossing plus a no passing sign on one direction only, the next school has a posted speed limit of 30k plus a children crossing sign.

Turn down Williams and one school area has two small white crossing signs plus a yellow approach warning, and the other has two small with no yellow however it does have a child crossing sign

Go back down 2 road and one crossing is marked with 4 large signs and no pre-warning yellow the next has two small signs plus a pre-warning yellow. I feel sure that taxpayers would be pleased to support an action that would pre-warn all drivers of an approaching pedestrian crossing and remind them that passing is prohibited.

The Buddhist temple crossing on Steveston Highway is a tragedy waiting to happen, this one of a kind system has yellow lights that flash when the pedestrian presses the button to cross, I tried it, there is no warning for cars to slow and believe me they do not, to cross the road with a car stopped in the inside lane would be extremely dangerous. The reason that drivers fail to respond to this light is that every other pedestrian light controlled by a push button brings on a red light with a "safe to walk" green sign

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*As the result of a conversation with  
Mr. Lloyd, he has agreed to attend  
the November 8th Public Works,  
Transportation Committee meeting.  
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## City of Richmond

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Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Re: Standardization of Pedestrian Crossings

This is to confirm that arrangements have been made for you to appear as a delegation on the above matter at the Public Works & Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, of the new Richmond City Hall.

Yours truly,

J. Richard McKenna  
City Clerk

cc Councillor Lyn Greenhill, Chair  
Public Works & Transportation Committee  
Manager, Transportation - Please provide an information memo only, as  
Cllr. Greenhill wishes to hear the request of  
the delegation before taking any further action  
on this matter.

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