

My name is Nancy Trant. I live at #201-10100
#3 Rd. at Williams. My subject is bike safety
in Rmd., increasing the number of bike lanes
and putting in curbside light changers
wherever possible. Since climate change &
global warming are caused, in huge part, by
cars & CO² emissions, one very important
solution is the bicycle. However, in order to
get people out of their cars & onto a bike,
biking must be safe. Cycling, for the most
part, is not safe in Rmd. I know because
I'm on my bike constantly, weather permitting,
most of the year. It is our main trans-
portation along with the bus, for errands,
pleasure & school.

I'll give you some examples: My daughter
& I leave Brownwood ^{at #5 Rd.} where we have been
grocery shopping, etc. & proceed along Stev.
Hwy. to Art Krapps at #4 Rd. There are no
bike lanes, to my knowledge, all the way to
#1 Rd. and cars travel fast along the
Hwy. There is no room for us so we use
the sidewalk whether it is against the law, or
not. Each driveway has to be checked so a
car does not back up in our path. ^{later} when we
finally reach #3 Rd. & head north to Williams,
there is no bike lane on 3 Rd. either. In fact
there ~~are~~ no bike lanes all the way to Brighton
& the Skytrain. We shop at Super Store, at #3 Rd.
& Leslie Rd. Coming home is the same story, as

we are now going South on 3 Rd. & the ^{bike} lane ends right by Rnd. Centre so of course, it's ^{us} up on the sidewalk, in front of City Hall dodging ft. traffic & proceeding South with no bike lane all the way to Williams & beyond. One more example would be when we leave Ironwood, cross the light at Stev. Hwy & then zigzag the side roads to the east of the railroad tracks on Shell Rd. As we come up to Williams Rd. there is a press button for a temporary blinking light right in front of Mac's Covered Store. There's some confusion as driver's see me stop & get off the bike to wheel it onto the sidewalk where it is road level. ~~Some~~ Some stop as I have to turn my bike around by circling the light pole & then press the button. By then, driver's have proceeded, only to finally be confronted with the blinked stop light. Please keep in mind that, although I am very strong for my age, bikes with even a few groceries are heavy & unwieldable in a small space. So it goes, each bike trip a challenge, and my daughter & I jokingly thank our lucky stars that we made it home safe one more time. However, in spite of everything cyclists experience the real Richmond jivats of all, and being on a bike, on a bike lane, where traffic is light, is an exhilarating but also peaceful experience, where we see & notice things that car driver's if they are paying attention will never see or experience. On the down side

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I also see the bags of garbage people throw into ditches, the road side T.V's & mattresses the illegal signs of developers, driveways ^{7 yards} way over in East Rmd. filled with cars on every conceivable spot on their front ^{lawns} ~~yards~~ and so on. It's disheartening but we can only keep trying to leave something good for future generations. Rip service is paid but so far, very few concrete improvements are being made. Thank you.

~~#5 Cycling when not dangerous~~