
Safety is a 2-Way Street

LCG's Analyses, Plans &
Projects



Crash Analysis: Johnston Street

Common Bicycle Crashes:

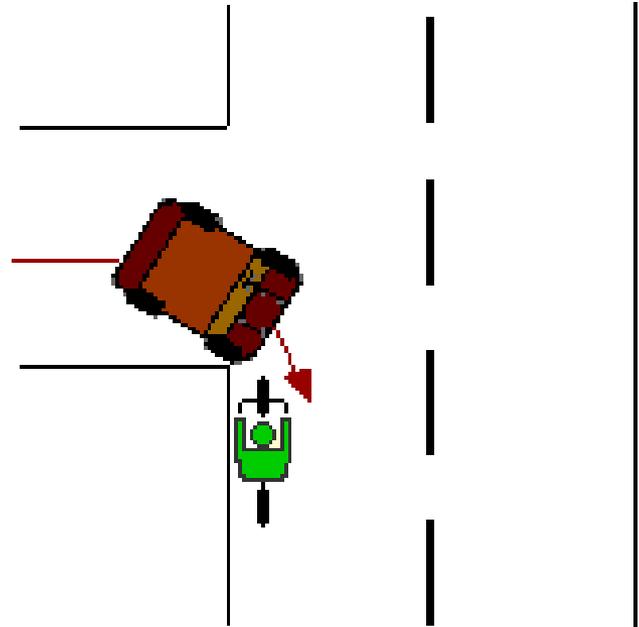
- 1. Motorist making RIGHT TURN ONTO Johnston, strikes a bicyclist traveling in the wrong direction.**
- 2. Motorist making LEFT TURN FROM Johnston to side street or parking lot, strikes a bicyclist.**
- 3. Side swipe**
- 4. Motorist making RIGHT TURN FROM Johnston to side street or parking lot, strikes a bicyclist.**

All four types of crashes typically involve a bicyclist traveling in the wrong direction; Or, the motorist is not treating the bicyclist as another vehicle on the road.

Johnston Bicycle Crash #1,

Cars turning right ONTO Johnston strikes a bicyclist traveling the wrong direction.

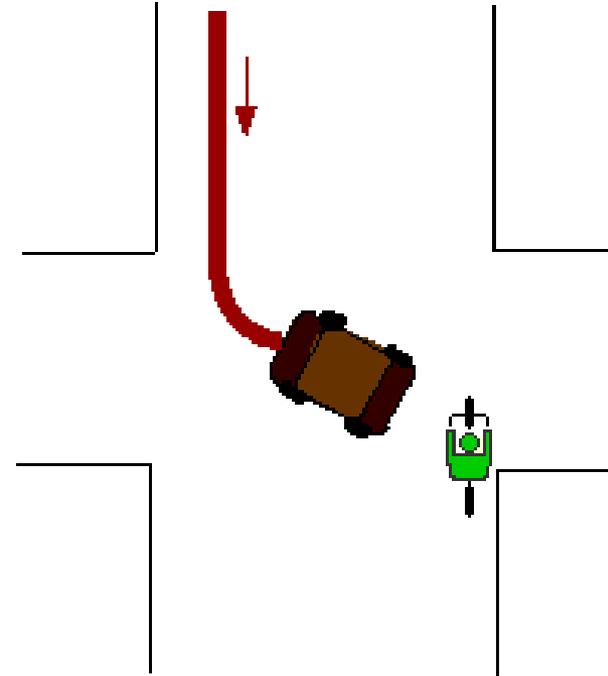
Of the 49 crashes observed in the crash analysis from 1/1/2008 to 10/10/2011, 27 consisted of bicyclists traveling against traffic.



Johnston Bicycle Crash #2,

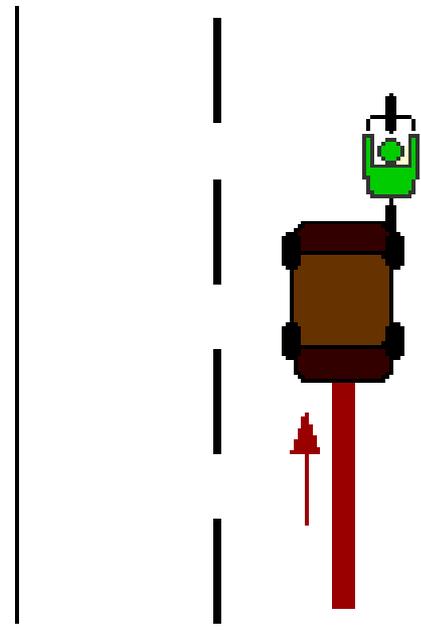
Cars turning left off Johnston

-striking the bicyclist caused by obstructed views from cars stuck in traffic, who are also the ones telling the motorist it's OK to turn (illegal).
- Usually occurs during times of congestion where the motorist nor the bicyclist can see each other due to these obstructed views.
- Or, because the bicyclist is traveling against traffic and the motorist is looking right while the bicyclist is approaching left.



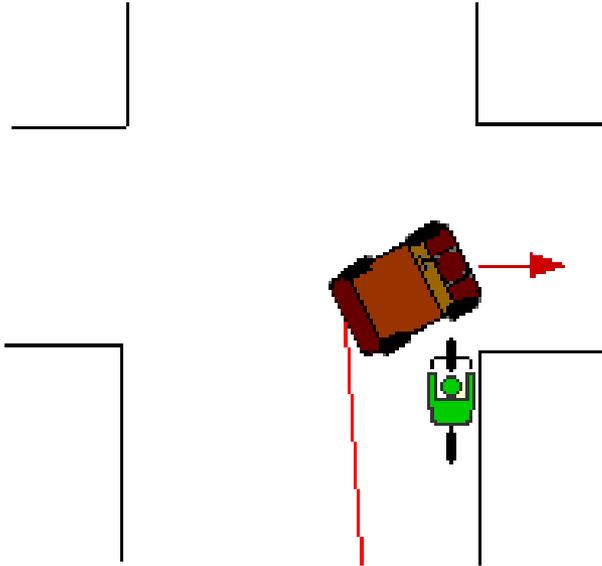
Johnston Bicycle Crash #3, Side swipe.

- Louisiana's new law requires motorists to give at least 3 feet between themselves and the bicyclist when passing.
- "The Know Your Traffic Law" media campaign will help educate motorists, as well as bicyclists, about this new law.

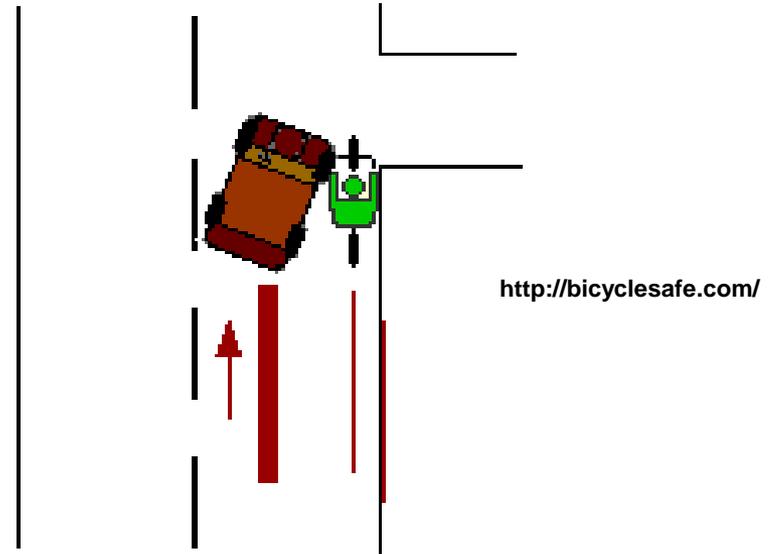


Johnston Bicycle Crash #4,

Cars making a right turn FROM Johnston.



The motorist thinks the bike is moving slower than it really is and thinks they have time to make the turn before the bicyclist reaches the intersection.

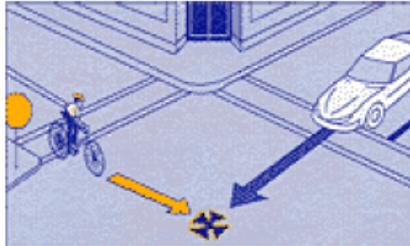


The motorist turns right suddenly, with little or no warning, striking the bicyclist.

Failure to obey traffic signals.

Failure to Obey Stop Signs

Also called "stop sign rideout," this crash occurs when the bicyclist enters an intersection that is controlled by a traffic signal and collides with a motor vehicle approaching from an uncontrolled lane. The bicyclist fails to stop or slow before entering the intersection. This dangerous action does not give the motorist enough time to avoid a collision.



Obey all traffic signals and signs. Watch for traffic signals. Walk your bicycle across busy intersections.

Source: FHWA

Plans

- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - *Bikeway Plan*
 - *2035 Safety Plan*
 - *2035 Pedestrian Plan*
 - *A New Perspective: Corridor Planning Guidelines* include:
 - Complete Streets: plans for all road users
 - Access Management: reduces road user conflicts
 - *Roadway Functional Classification Plan*
 - Specifies pedestrian and bicycle facilities

Projects

- Safe Routes to School: Enables safe biking & walking to schools
 - MPO has 5 school projects awarded & in engineering: Alleman, Woodvale, Duson, Ossun, Ernest Gallet
 - MPO provides technical assistance for applicants
 - Atakapa-Ishak Trail Phase 1
 - Currently being installed
 - Bicycle facilities connecting downtown to Beaver Park
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Projects

- Kaliste Saloom Widening – Ambassador Caffery to E. Broussard – 8 foot multiuse path
- N. University – Cameron to Willow
 - Provisionally awarded Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) grant for sidewalks from LA DOTD.
- N. University – I-10 to Pont des Mouton
 - 8 foot multi-use path
- Urban Bicycle Infrastructure
 - Awarded 2 Recreational Trails grants

Resources & Opportunities for the Public to Participate

- The MPO and Traffic and Transportation can provide:
 - Crash data and trend reports
 - Agency Contacts (local and statewide)
 - Public Service Announcements
 - Street Sense website
 - Acadiana Traffic Safety Coalition
 - Next meeting 11/16/11
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