



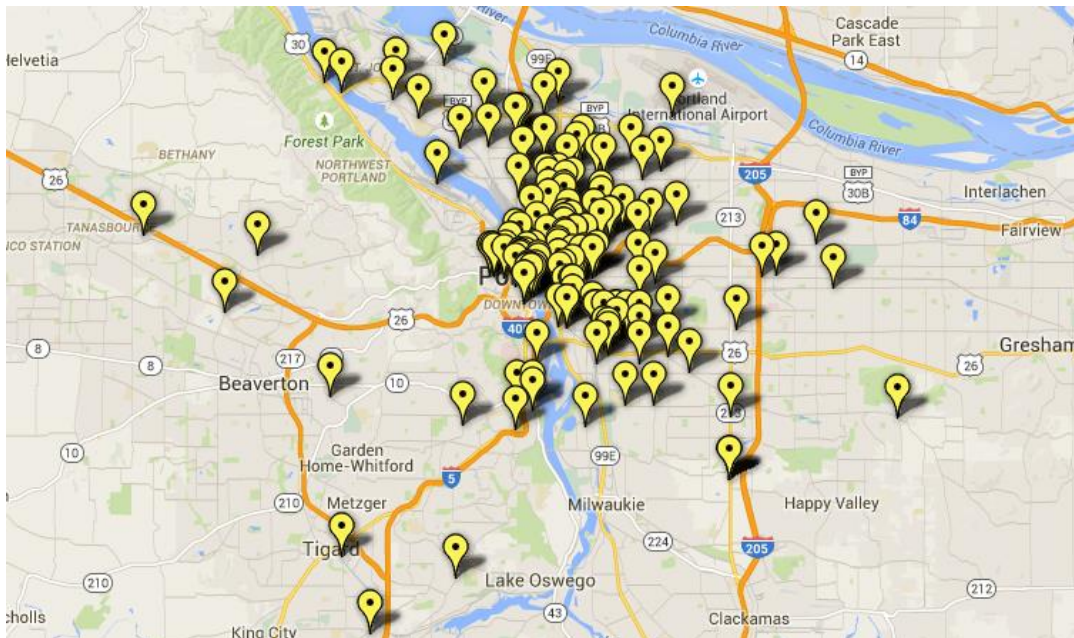
PORTLAND TRAFFIC NEAR-MISS INCIDENT REPORT FOR JUNE 14, 2015

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The City of Portland's recent adoption of Vision Zero – a campaign to end traffic fatalities – is an important step towards improving safety and quality of life in our city; however, as this report will show, tracking fatalities and serious injuries alone is not sufficient to monitor our progress towards making active transportation safe and accessible to all.

Near miss reporting is standard in the workplace, but is lacking in transportation safety. Government agencies are typically reactive instead of proactive when it comes to traffic safety – for example, ODOT installing turn signals at SE 26th and Powell after two people were seriously injured riding bikes through this intersection, or PBOT installing new sidewalks and crosswalks where a 5-year-old girl was killed crossing the street on SE 136th Avenue. Fatalities or serious injuries should not be a prerequisite to making safety improvements.

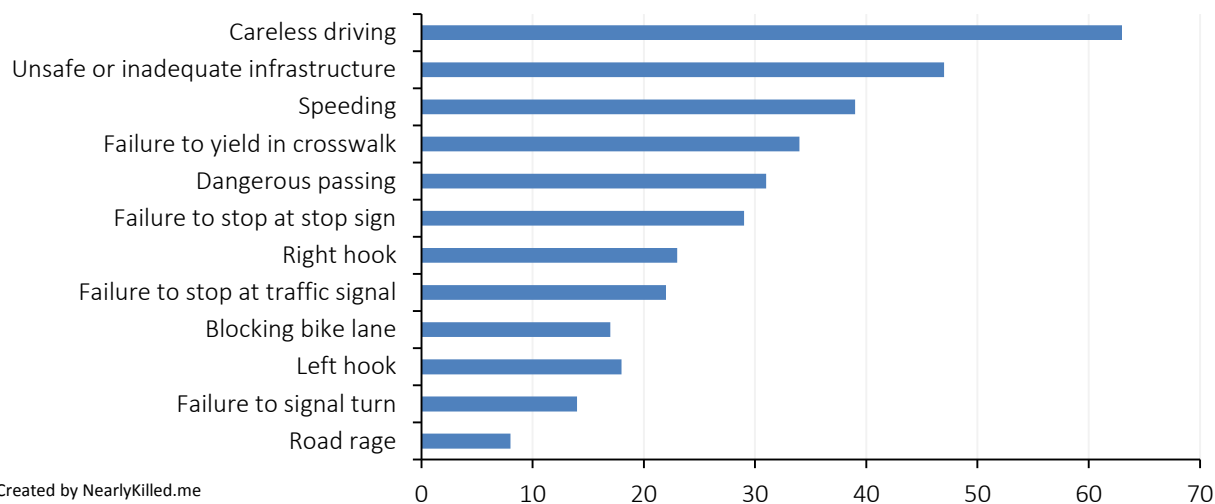
After three serious collisions between motor vehicle drivers and people on bikes in the Portland area in May, many people have shared their near-death experiences biking and walking in Portland. I created NearlyKilled.Me to track these near-misses and identify areas where the next collision is waiting to happen. Visitors can submit reports showing the time, location, and details of a near-collision. Since its inception at the end of May, I have received 163 reports of near misses inside Portland city limits. This report provides a summary of the types and locations of these incidents, and includes an appendix with details from all of the reports received as of June 14, 2015.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each report includes an incident time, location, description, and category. The frequency of the most common categories is shown here:

Number of Incidents by Cause Category



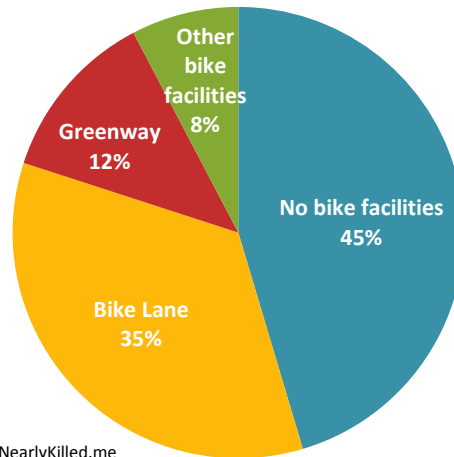
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Portland’s plan for Vision Zero calls for improved street design, building a complete network to support active transportation, increased education, and consistent enforcement. These results show significant deficiencies in all of these categories. Careless driving is a byproduct of a community which is not respectful of other people on the road. Unsafe and inadequate infrastructure was cited as contributing to the incident in 29% of reports. The vast majority of reported near misses were caused by drivers willfully violating basic traffic laws.

Improving infrastructure for active transportation is a critical goal, but it would take years to develop a world-class biking and walking network in Portland capable of bringing Vision Zero to reality. With the present realities of funding and political support for building safer infrastructure it may be decades before this becomes reality. Infrastructure alone cannot prevent all incidents either. I ran a proximity analysis of reported near-miss locations against the Metro regional bike facility data set¹. More than half of reported incidents occurred on streets with some form of dedicated bicycle infrastructure, with 35% occurring on streets with bike lanes, and 12% occurring on neighborhood greenways. (Note: This plot is time-consuming to produce, so it is only updated monthly. The latest update is from June 5th.)

¹ <http://rlisdiscovery.oregonmetro.gov/?action=viewDetail&layerID=3312#>

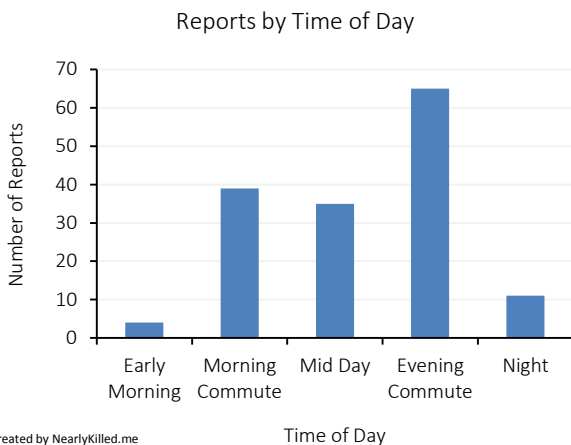
Reports by Bike Facilities on Nearest Street



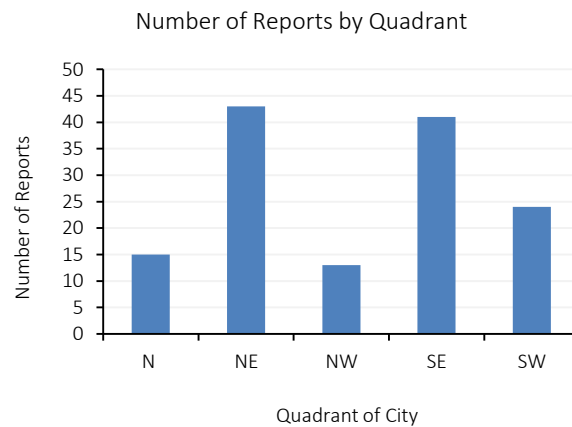
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With already-built bicycle-focused infrastructure insufficient to prevent all incidents and future infrastructure development progressing slowly, enforcement of existing traffic laws is paramount to changing driver behavior in the Portland area. Statistics from recent PPB crosswalk enforcement actions² show just how prevalent moving violations are, and yet thousands of drivers are breaking traffic laws and endangering lives around them every day with little risk of receiving a citation. Several reports mentioned Portland Police officers nearby witnessing dangerous driver behavior and opting not to make contact with the driver. To make Vision Zero a reality, Portland Police and other law enforcement agencies need to institute a zero-tolerance policy for all traffic violations.

Enforcement is naturally limited by available police resources. The time of day and quadrant of the city for each report is shown in the plots below, indicating times and locations where increased enforcement would be most beneficial.



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² <http://bikeportland.org/2015/06/03/crosswalk-enforcement-action-uncovers-rampant-law-breaking-se-powell-143885>

The work Portland has done towards Vision Zero is a good first step, but we need a stronger commitment from politicians, government agencies, and the general population. Tracking injuries and fatalities alone gives insufficient insight into the dangers of transportation in Portland. Many minor collisions and near misses go unreported altogether, yet these relatively low-impact but high-frequency interactions add stress and drive people away from active transportation. PPB only investigates “serious injury” crashes, which leaves a significant gap in official reporting data. A thorough response to all incidents where lives are endangered needs to be a higher priority. Would police only investigate a shooting if somebody actually got hit by the bullets?

This project is just beginning. Hopefully the City of Portland and other stakeholders will take near misses seriously and factor this information into their decisions regarding transportation safety. This report will be updated weekly and all of the data submitted to the NearlyKilledMe project is freely available and licensed in the public domain. I would be interested in any opportunities to facilitate applying the data gathered from this project towards productive changes in transportation safety – please contact me with your ideas.

Regards,

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RESOURCES AND DOWNLOADS

Website home page: <https://nearlykilled.me/>

Reporting form: <https://goo.gl/DBPI6P>

Google Earth KML file of all incidents and locations: <https://goo.gl/FfMMG4>

Excel spreadsheet with all incidents from May 29 – June 14:

http://nearlykilled.me/reports/2015_06_14/NKME_2015_06_14_all_pdx_reports_raw.xlsx

Online copy of this report:

http://nearlykilled.me/reports/2015_06_14/NKME_2015_06_14_report.pdf

EXCERPTS FROM SELECTED REPORTS

At the end of its second week, nearlykilled.me has received 186 reports, with 163 from inside Portland city limits. The full list of incident reports is attached at the end of this document, and noteworthy excerpts from selected incidents in the past week are included here.

INCIDENTS ON SE CLINTON NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY

SE Clinton – one of Portland’s original neighborhood greenways – has received significant attention recently due to car traffic volumes above the maximum recommended level for a greenway. Neighbors and advocacy groups have called for improved traffic calming infrastructure such as traffic diverters on Clinton, as well as increased enforcement of traffic violations on this street. Four of the reports received in the past week occurred on Clinton, in addition to six received in the first week. These incidents reaffirm the dangerous situation on SE Clinton, and the need for immediate infrastructure improvements and enforcement actions.

I was biking uphill (eastbound) on SE Clinton with one of my kids in my bakfiets. The driver of a white vehicle (station wagon type) passed so closely just before the SE 23rd roundabout that I had to jump off my bike and tip it to the right to avoid them smacking the box. I was too shocked to get a good vehicle/driver description or the license plate number.

– Kathleen Youell, occurred on June 5, 2015

Biking westbound on SE Clinton. As I came up to the stop sign at SE 21st, the cyclist going northbound took her turn. The next turn was an Abernethy student who was scooting to school so crossing SE 21st as a westbound pedestrian. The driver that was going northbound on SE 21st went without stopping, as if stopping behind the bicycle counted as stopping. The student's parent and I both yelled, but the female driver did not stop or look, she just continued on.

– Kathleen Youell, occurred on June 10, 2015

Near left-hook. Person turned left onto 39th without looking for people riding bikes straight through the intersection.

– Adam H, occurred on June 10, 2015

Woman in SUV was following me too closely and honking. She passed me too closely and screamed at me "you're the reason everyone hates bikers".

– Adam H, occurred on June 1, 2015

DANGEROUS TRI-MET DRIVERS, BARBUR BOULEVARD PROBLEMS, AND ROAD RAGE

Barbur Boulevard has been highlighted by many local groups as an extremely dangerous area which would benefit from pedestrian and bicycle access improvements. This incident took place on Barbur and involved a combination of several worrisome problems.

I was riding southbound in the bike lane next to 2 TriMet Busses and as the first turned right onto Capitol Highway the 2nd, which was next to me at this point attempted to speed up, clearly seeing me, but still threatening a right-hook. When I held my line in the bike lane and passed straight onto Barbur the driver gave me a honk as if I was in the wrong and needed to yield.

– Phil Richman, occurred on June 10, 2015

APPENDIX: ALL REPORTED NEAR-MISS INCIDENTS SUBMITTED FROM MAY 30 – JUNE 14, 2015

Anonymous was biking at Front Avenue, Portland, OR on May 13, 2015 at 08:30

Truck passed at high speed without adequate passing room

Janice was biking at SE Division and 52nd Ave

Westbound car on Division ran a yellow light.

Anonymous was biking at NW Alberta and 33rd

SUV attempted to pass in a narrow lane on Alberta while I was taking the lane. Swerved to avoid oncoming traffic, I had to stop suddenly to avoid crashing.

Anonymous was biking at SW Oak and Naito Pkwy, Portland, OR

A car pulled up behind me while I was waiting at a red light to turn onto Naito. They yelled at me to get out of the way because they wanted to turn right on read and I was blocking the way.

Franklin was biking at SE Powell and 26th Portland OR

Was biking down 26th towards downtown. An SUV trying to turn left onto Powell cut me off.

Jeremy was biking at SE Franklin and 39th

A car blasted through the intersection a good 2-3 seconds after the light turned red, just as I was about to cross. If I had been a couple seconds faster, I would have been hit hard.

Aaron Shaver was biking at SE Clinton St and SE 22nd Ave on May 06, 2015 at 10:45

I was going west on Clinton and had the right of way. A driver in a silver Mercedes blew through the stop sign while going south on 22nd, nearly t-boning me from the side. Very aggressive driver.

Johannes Daniel was biking at SE Clinton and 26th on May 30, 2015 at 06:30

I was about to cross 26th on my bike when a car on 26th decided to turn in front of me instead of waiting their turn at the 4-way stop.

Donald Gus was biking at SW 6th and Stark, Portland, OR on May 29, 2015 at 18:15

A UPS delivery vehicle was parked in the bike lane, forcing bikes out into the other traffic lane.

CGH was biking at NW 9th & Lovejoy on May 30, 2015 at 09:35

I was turning left on the arrow from NW 9th onto Lovejoy heading East. A vehicle ran the red light heading east towards Broadway and didn't even slow when he saw me. I don't think he even saw the light. He did however stop at the light on Broadway and Lovejoy.

Greg Kamerer was biking at SE 46th and SE Woodstock, Portland, OR on May 29, 2015 at 12:05

I was northbound on SE 46th, riding in the bike lane. The light turned green as I approached the intersection - I could see that the first 2 vehicles in line were turning left and the third car had no turn signal flashing. As I was going straight, I proceeded to pass the 3 vehicles on the right (still in the bike lane). Just as I entered the intersection, the third car in line (which I had thought was going straight turned right in front of me. Because I was hyper alert, I was able to turn right as well and avoid being hit by mere inches. Had I been less focused by even a little bit, I would have been another right hook victim.

Anonymous was biking at SW Capitol Hwy and SW Nevada Ct. on Sep 15, 2014 at 14:30

A driver pulled out in the intersection with the front of her Subaru blocking the bike lane because she was waiting to turn left. I thought we made eye contact and that she saw me riding downhill. I looked over my left shoulder to check that the road behind me was clear because I had to merge out of my bike lane, as soon as I looked back in front she had started turning left (failing to yield to oncoming traffic) and nearly T-Boned me.

Angel York was biking at N Basin Ave & west of N. Leverman St on May 27, 2015 at 13:40

Was riding on my bike in the right lane, a car SQUEALED directly behind me and swerved into the left lane and then passed me. And then scowled at me in the rear view mirror.

Angel York was biking at N Killingsworth and N Vancouver

There are frequently cars parked in the bike lane next to the temp agency when it is open.

Anonymous was walking at NE 8th and NE Going, Portland, OR on May 29, 2015 at 19:00

A driver in a small red sedan, on a cell phone, ran a stop sign going south on NE 8th, nearly hitting me (pedestrian walking my dog, heading west on NE Going) and a person on a bike (who was heading east on NE Going). I yelled, the person on a bike yelled, and none of it got the drivers attention. We were both mid-way across the intersection and completely visible - the driver just did not seem to care and seemed hurried. Thank God we were both quick in veering out of the way, and that my dog responded when I yanked him out of the car's path.

Anonymous was biking at NE 22nd and NE Going, Portland, OR on May 28, 2015 at 18:00

Driver heading south on 22nd completely blew through a stop sign, nearly hitting me, on a bicycle, heading west on Going.

Sam was biking at N. Alberta and Minnesota on Apr 25, 2015 at 21:30

I was hit while riding westbound on N. Alberta St. I came to a complete stop, waited my turn, and continued forward. The vehicle, traveling southbound on Minnesota, failed to stop at the sign and proceeded to hit me.

Tara was biking at 6514 SE 82nd Ave Portland, OR on May 02, 2015 at 17:18

I was traveling with a young girl who I babysit. She was riding slowly along the sidewalk towards the light (there is too much traffic there for me to let a young person ride in the street). A customer drove out of the 'Auto-Zone' parking lot and did not stop to look for people on the sidewalk. The girl stopped in time...thankfully.

Anonymous was biking at SE 52nd and Foster, Portland OR on May 29, 2015 at 18:30

Biking south on 52nd Ave bike lane, nearly right-hooked by driver turning right onto Foster. I avoided the car by inches.

Anonymous was walking at NE MLK and Beech, Portland, OR on May 29, 2015 at 18:15

Bus driver (Line 6, Northbound - bus number 3153) failed to stop for a pedestrian in the crosswalk who was already crossing the street. Bus driver intimidated the pedestrian back onto the sidewalk by continuing to drive forward without slowing down. The pedestrian was already at least a foot into the intersection before the bus started moving.

Anonymous was biking at NE 7th and Cook, Portland, OR on May 01, 2015 at 17:35

Driver of a tan colored van passed illegally and dangerously closely. Passenger shouted out the window that they were going to kill me.

Anonymous was biking at NE 6th and Multnomah, Portland, OR on May 28, 2015 at 08:25

Driver of a grey car did not yield while I was crossing the crosswalk. She stopped after the crosswalk (after nearly hitting me) and yelled at me for "riding in the street" and used some ethnic slurs.

Anonymous was biking at NE 7th and Stanton, Portland, OR on May 06, 2015 at 17:35

Impatient driver shouted that they were "going to run me over," "going to kill me" and told me to get off the road as we both were going Northbound on NE 7th. I pulled off to the side to get the license plate information and called the police. The driver of the vehicle asked if I was "calling my momma" and when I told them I was calling the police because they threatened me, they hit my bike and drove off.

Anonymous was biking at NE 7th and Lloyd Boulevard, Portland, OR on Apr 24, 2015 at 17:20

I (and a friend of mine) were travelling Southbound on NE 7th. When approaching Lloyd Boulevard, someone operating a motor vehicle pulled out of the Metro parking garage without looking, nearly hitting myself and my friend.

Anonymous was biking at NE 7th and Multnomah, Portland, OR on Apr 22, 2015 at 08:20

I was travelling Southbound on NE 7th avenue and the bike lane was blocked by a large work truck. I changed lanes to avoid the truck, but ended up hitting the streetcar tracks and ended up on the ground. A driver that had been following very closely nearly ran me over immediately after I hit the ground.

Anonymous was biking at NE 7th and Irving, Portland, OR on Apr 15, 2015 at 16:20

I was heading Northbound on NE 7th in the bike lane. Right in this area, the bike lane curves because there are 2 on street parking spaces (on a block that's literally surrounded on all sides by off-street parking no less). Both vehicles in those parking spaces were large vehicles and blocking part of the bike lanes. As I went around the parked cars, a speeding driver passed on my left and nearly smushed me between their car and the parked cars.

Anonymous was biking at NE 10th and Halsey, Portland, OR on May 15, 2015 at 17:10

I was heading Eastbound on NE Halsey and a driver turned left from NE 10th Avenue and nearly collided with me.

Anonymous was biking at NE Lloyd Boulevard and 12th Avenue, Portland, OR on Apr 07, 2015 at 17:20

Myself and two other people on bikes were heading East on Lloyd and were turning onto NE 12th when a driver passed us in the same lane and then turned right into the left lane of NE 12th (the same lane that we were trying to turn into). All three of us narrowly avoided getting hit by moving into the right lane and hugging the curb. We then got subsequently passed dangerously close by nearly every single other right turning vehicle.

The sharrows on the right lane seem to give the impression to drivers that bikes don't "belong" in the left lane.

Anonymous was biking at St Johns Bridge, Portland, OR on May 23, 2015 at 15:30

I was riding Westbound on St. Johns Bridge in the right lane. I was passed dangerously close by multiple vehicles. One vehicle in particular (blue, lifted pick up truck with off-road tires and smokestacks) passed so closely that the wind from their truck nearly knocked me off my bike. As they passed, they "rolled coal" and shouted some unintelligible, derogatory statement from their cab.

Anonymous was biking at SW Naito Parkway and Stark, Portland, OR on May 28, 2015 at 18:10

Two unoccupied police vehicles were blocking the Northbound bike lane. A KGW news van was also blocking about half of the waterfront path.

Anonymous was biking at NE Irving and 16th, Portland, OR on May 28, 2015 at 17:45

Driver turned right onto NE 16th without a turn signal, without stopping, and without yielding to my friend and I who were in the bike lane and also turning right.

Anonymous was biking at NE 16th Ave and Burnside, Portland, OR on May 28, 2015 at 17:50

Multiple drivers failed to stop as my friend and I entered the crosswalk on our bikes. I stopped on the Eastbound side of Burnside in order to stop more cars from going through the crosswalk so that the people who had been waiting for cars to stop could continue their way across the street. In total, about 14 vehicle operators failed to yield.

CGH was biking at NE Lloyd & 12th Ave on May 30, 2015 at 22:35

I had the green arrow to turn left. A vehicle ran the red light heading east on NE Lloyd Center.

Anonymous was walking at SW Naito at Yamhill, Portland, OR on Feb 01, 2015 at 17:00

Northbound driver on Naito blew thru its red right at Yamhill without even slowing, nearly striking bikes and peds in the crosswalk. I have seen this several times and I think the drivers are looking at their green one block farther north at Morrison and don't notice the red at Yamhill. Perhaps a signal timing issue, and certainly a problem with high traffic speeds on Naito, which drivers treat as a freeway, not the intensive bike/ped use street that it is and should be. Thank you.

CGH was biking at NE Lloyd Blvd & 12th Ave on May 30, 2015 at 22:35

I was turning left from NE 12 Ave on a green arrow to Westbound Lloyd Blvd. A vehicle ran a red light heading East on NE Lloyd.

Jen was biking at SE Caesar Chavez and Taylor on May 28, 2015 at 14:11

Mini van driver turn east into Taylor from Cesar Chavez during yellow light. I proceeded east on Taylor (by bike) after getting "walk" signal. Mini van driver pulled to right side of road to parking space. As I started to pass her vehicle, she pulled out and swung left to commit u-turn without signaling. Had I not stopped swiftly and completely, she would have hit me.

Anonymous was biking at on Milwaukie just south of SE Ogden on May 01, 2015 at 14:30

A car abruptly went from traffic lane to curb parking space. I was biking and was forced into the curb by the car. There was a physical collision. I went over the bars and ended up tangled upside down on the street between the car and the curb. Luckily the driver stopped before going too far and the accident was relatively minor with only a few scrapes and little damage.

CT was biking at N Overlook Blvd and N Interstate on May 27, 2015 at 11:20

I was riding eastbound on Overlook (a greenway) toward the traffic light. It was green, and I indicated a right turn onto the bike lane on Interstate.

The oncoming car from across Interstate (Kaiser exit) failed to yield during her left turn and swung wide into the bike lane, nearly hitting me as I turned. Had I been going through the intersection, she surely would have hit me.

I verbally indicated my displeasure ("Hey, watch it."), and at the next light when I caught up, the driver did apologize and indicated she'd not seen me. I can only guess she was not paying close enough attention because I had lights on and it was a sunny day.

Nick Falbo was biking at Barbur Blvd Bridge(s) on May 06, 2014 at 19:00

At the bridges on Barbur, the bike lane vanishes. An activated warning light alerts drivers that "Bikes on Bridge", but there seems to be a lack of understanding about what that means in terms of driver behavior.

I am frequently faced with aggressive/close passing by motor vehicles while I was controlling the outside travel lane with my bicycle.

Anonymous was driving at MLK and Morrison on May 31, 2015 at 09:51

I was on MLK in the lane on the left which can either turn left onto Morrison Bridge or go straight. I was going straight. A PT Cruiser (silver-grey) was in the lane to the right of me—a lane that is supposed to go straight only. The PT Cruiser at the last second decided to turn left directly in front of me while I was going straight. I slammed on the brakes and just missed them. He/she just continued onto Morrison like nothing happened.

M.Inwe was walking at NW 20th place and Burnside, Portland, OR on May 31, 2015 at 10:03

Driver of silver Lexus SUV failed to yield for pedestrian in crosswalk while turning from westbound Burnside to eastbound Morrison.

M.Inwe was walking at NW 21st Ave and Burnside, Portland, OR on May 31, 2015 at 10:05

Driver of grey VW hatchback ran red light headed eastbound on Burnside.

Anonymous was biking at SE Ankeny and SE 15th on Feb 11, 2015 at 06:15

Me with 650 lumen front light and LED red rear. Heading west on Ankeny. Car heading South on 15th. Car never stopped at their stop sign. I do not have a stop. I had to skid and swerve to avoid car.

Anonymous was biking at NE 28th and Broadway, Portland, OR on May 31, 2015 at 16:15

I was stopped on 28th at Broadway, riding southbound. There was a blue sedan heading northbound with their left turn signal on. When the light turned green, I started to ride across the intersection. The blue sedan turned left (westbound) in front of me, and had to pull into Broadway's east-bound (oncoming) traffic lane in order to avoid colliding with me.

Anonymous was biking at 22nd and Couch on Mar 17, 2015 at 17:41

I was biking along Couch headed east, and getting ready to turn left onto 22nd just a block from my house. As I approached the intersection I saw an SUV coming in fast (heading South on 22nd toward Burnside), and started to slow to make sure they saw me and saw the stop sign. I had to pull far into the left lane and slam on my brakes to avoid getting hit -- the driver flew past the sign and never even slowed down. I biked after him and made him apologize, explaining that he almost killed me in my own neighborhood by failing to obey traffic laws. The man was an a###hole.

Bryant Howard was biking at Foster and 162nd on May 13, 2015 at 13:00

Driver of a turquoise 90's model Ford Ranger pickup with large Seahawks sticker in the rear window intentionally swerved to force me off the road into the gravel shoulder. After passing he honked and flipped his middle finger out the driver side window.

Anonymous was biking at N Russet and N Peninsular on May 30, 2015 at 19:30

In the evening. I had pulled out of the Green Zebra parking lot and was biking up Peninsular. A man pulled up on Russet at the stop sign. slowed, looked directly at me, revved ahead made a right turn and cut me off. license plate 924 VTS white vehicle.

Anonymous was biking at N Williams and N Morris on the public park side of the street on May 30, 2015 at 18:30

There was a red car parked at least a foot into the door zone of the bike lane. The car had plenty of room to park closer to the curb if they had so chosen.

Anonymous was biking at NE Broadway and Interstate, Portland, OR on Oct 10, 2014 at 09:15

An SUV driver hit me as she overtook me (as I continued straight) and turned right. I saw it coming and caught myself with my left arm against the car and turned hard to parallel her, trying not to go under the wheels. I've been commuting for more than 20 years and wonder if a less experienced cyclist would have just been plowed over. The driver got out and started crying, and I had to give her a hug and tell her I was okay.

Heather Bowman was biking at NE 57th Ave and NE Sacramento Street on Apr 07, 2015 at 08:00

In early April, the City made a change to NE 57th Ave at the intersection with NE Sacramento St. There is now a painted median in the middle of NE 57th, with bike lanes and auto lanes angling to the right. While cars driving this route have quickly caught onto the street change, many cars are still being parked along the curbs in what is now the bike lane. This creates a dangerous pinch point for cyclists attempting to use the bike lanes, particularly in heavy traffic during commuting hours. Bikes are forced to take the lane or come to an unplanned stop, often while moving quickly downhill (when headed south).

I suspect that part of the issue for parking cars is that they don't realize they are now parking in a bike lane, when 2 weeks earlier the same location was a legal parking spot. On April 8 I requested that the City take action to complete this street modification by adding "No Parking" signs and paint where the bike lane is directly beside the curb, and then by enforcing the no parking areas. The City responded to my email with a "we'll get back to you in 12 weeks" email. They also put up some temporary "no parking" signs, but only prohibiting parking 7 am to 6 pm. And these were often ignored. Perhaps when a crew was out there working

something was actually done.

It took approximately 6 weeks for the city to (mostly) stripe the reconfigured bike lane with something more than spraypaint. No work has been done in this intersection in recent weeks, but the temporary no parking signs are gone, and the no parking areas have not been modified to correspond with the bike lanes.

I'm not sure what the City's specific intent is with this intersection. My assumption is that it is meant to improve crossing safety for pedestrians attempting to cross NE 57th (despite the presence of a signaled crosswalk 1/2 block further south). Since the lane configuration change, I have observed many more cars stopping for pedestrians at this intersection. If that is the intent, here is some anecdotal evidence that it's working. As things are currently configured, however, the potential safety improvement for pedestrians is far outweighed by the risk to cyclists. I use this intersection as a cyclist, pedestrian, and driver, and the work at this intersection needs to be completed quickly. I hope something can be done quickly and before someone is injured at this intersection.

I have had three near-misses here, that required me braking suddenly or swerving out of the way of a moving or illegally parked vehicle. I am cautious enough of the known danger to go slowly and with care, now that I've been at risk.

Anonymous was biking at NW 3rd Ave & NW Couch St on Mar 12, 2015 at 08:15

I was waiting to turn left from NW Couch onto NW 3rd Ave. I was in a line of vehicles, with one car in front of me and several cars behind me. The car in front of me pulled into the intersection to turn left. She then put her car in reverse and quickly backed into me, hitting me and my bike. She later explained that she "didn't see me" but also must have missed the three cars waiting behind me.

Anonymous was walking at N Columbia and N Fiske on Jun 30, 2015 at 15:15

While on the pedestrian path that follows the south edge of N Columbia I was preparing to cross N Fiske. The pedestrian signal changed to indicate that crossing was safe, however knowing how dangerously people drive on Columbia, before proceeding I looked behind me over my right shoulder to check for west bound traffic making a left. As I did so, a car traveling at a high rate of speed made just such a turn, coming within no more than a foot of me as I stood on the curb - turning entirely into the oncoming travel lane on Fiske to accommodate the rate of speed at which she was making the turn.

If I had not instinctively checked for just such behavior and proceeded into the crosswalk when the signal indicated it was safe to do so I would have certainly been hit and quite likely have been killed given the speed the driver was traveling.

Anonymous was biking at Ainsworth and Greeley

This is a HORRIBLE intersection b/c cars always speed through the red light. It's on my daily commute and I see this happen all the time. Cyclists need to know they can't proceed through the intersection as soon as the light turns green b/c there will most likely be a car/truck speeding through the intersection after the light turns red.

Christopher Keady was biking at NE Halsey and Cesar Chavez, Portland, OR on May 29, 2015 at 08:45

I was riding west-bound on NE Halsey and turned left onto Cesar Chavez through a stale green light. An east-bound driver on NE Halsey, across Cesar Chavez from me, was waiting at a red light to turn right, also onto Cesar Chavez. As I proceeded into the intersection he also did so, through the red light (presumably he'd stopped at the red seconds earlier), and crossed right in front of me in order to get in the inner south-bound

lane of Cesar Chavez (a left turn lane leading to I-84 east). I was able to stop just a foot from his car; he stopped too, but simply scowled and then continued into the inner lane of Cesar Chavez.

Anonymous was biking at N Russell & N Williams on May 22, 2015 at 17:15

A person turning left in a car did not yield to the people on bikes proceeding legally through the intersection about 20 feet in front of me. They were trying to make a left before the light turned red and, if we're being charitable, misjudged how fast they could execute that turn without interfering with/almost hitting (and would have if the cyclists didn't e-brake) the through-traffic they are required to yield to.

Anonymous was biking at Willamette and Portsmouth

This is a HORRIBLE intersection. it is a major intersection for UP with construction trucks, pedestrians, bikers, and cars coming onto the north campus daily. There is no turning lane. The bike lane is on the right and to make a left turn into UP, I have to plant myself in the middle of moving traffic waiting to make a left turn. Cars can't get around me unless I'm in the middle of the intersection and to get around me they have to go into the bike lane. It's really bad at rush hour b/c of the volume and the fact that everyone is in a hurry. A bike box is badly needed as well as a turning signal on the light.

Todd Hesse was biking at SE Woodstock Blvd and SE Reed College Place, Portland, OR on Jun 01, 2015 at 09:00

I was riding westbound on Woodstock Blvd when an SUV passed me partially then drifted into the bike lane as the road bends. I was pushed nearly to the curb. I was leaning against the car then once I gained control again I beat the side of the vehicle with my fist. She stopped at the next stop sign and unrolled her window. Her first response was "that is not a bike lane" Uh. Yes. That is exactly what a bike lane looks like. Don't drive in it. Her second response was, "you scared the hell out of me banging on my window" Uh. Yeah, I wasn't scared at all by you nearly killing me. Her third complaint was "I am not like that. I would never do that." Uh. You are like that. You just did that 15 seconds ago. I don't think we can even begin to have a conversation about bike safety when people that think like that are allowed to drive. I noticed her "share the road" license plate as she drove away.

Robert Threadgill was biking at SE 21st and SE Clinton on May 29, 2015 at 07:30

I was traveling west on Clinton with my 2-year-old in a bike trailer and my 6-year-old next to me on his own bike. We stopped at the stop sign on 21st and proceeded through the intersection. A car approached from the south on 21st, ignored the stop sign, and aggressively accelerated through the intersection, turning left onto Clinton. Since we were already in the middle of the intersection, the driver pulled into the incoming lane of traffic, swerving dangerously close to me and my small children. I am certain the driver was anxious to not be "stuck behind" us as we traveled this Safe Route to School and Neighborhood Greenway.

Rena Hartman was biking at NE Cornfoot Road and NE 55th Ave. on May 29, 2015 at 07:38

A large SAPA truck blasted by three cyclists who were at the very right edge of the shoulderless road (Cornfoot), a common commuter path from N Portland to the airport. The truck missed all three of us by less than a foot. In addition, the truck's back hatch was entirely open and the contents on the bed were shaking around. The driver was also very obviously speeding. He then turned onto NE 55th in front of us, cutting us off, and then turned immediately left into a loading area.

Juliann Squires was biking at SE Clinton and SE 31st on Jun 01, 2015 at 08:40

My seven year old son was in the round about with the right away. Driver was facing South on 31st attempting to turn right onto SE Clinton. She started to pull right into him without looking or seeing him. I yelled for her to stop. She stopped a foot from running him over. He stopped too when I yelled and could

reach out and touch her grill.

When I confronted her, she admitted her traffic violation. She did not apologize to him, ask how he was, or show any concern for his safety. She said she just wanted to get on with her day.

M.Inwe was walking at Sw Morrison and 20th ave, portland oR on Jun 01, 2015 at 10:20

Westbound driver of black BWM stopped briefly at stop sign before turning onto southbound 20th, failing to yield for pedestrians already in crosswalk.

Hazel was biking at N Interstate and Albina on Jun 01, 2015 at 13:05

Postal van parked in bike lane on N Interstate forced me into traffic. When postal carrier came out of the building, I pointed out that it was illegal to park in a bike lane. He told me he could park wherever he wanted because he worked for the post office.

mark mollenkopf was biking at NW MARSHALL ST AND NW 11TH Ave portland OR on Jun 01, 2015 at 12:05

I was heading north on NW Marshall st after stopping at NW 11th ave to check for cross traffic (its a one way west on 11th) the Portland Street car had just come to a complete stop at the station to load and unload passengers making (supposedly) safe for me to proceed through the intersection.

2 people driving vehicles accelerated around the street car as I started to enter the intersection, the 2 people operating the vehicles illegally started to pass the street car using half the vehicle lane and half a bike lane.

I had to slam on my brakes to keep from being hit by the people accelerating around the street car and into the intersection. the lead vehicle recognized that I was entering the intersection and having to slam on my brakes due to her bad decision and subsequently slammed on her brakes coming to a stop just over the cross walk line.

Then motioned for me to proceed!

besides the Peril the person put me in, What if there were someone crossing in that cross walk in front of the street car and I was not there would she have seen them in time?

Anonymous was walking at NE Everett and MLK Blvd on Jun 01, 2015 at 09:25

I was in crosswalk, car turning left nearly ran me over- had to jump back. Cars routinely cross multiple lanes of MLK to access I-84 and tend to be driving dangerously fast and distracted. Problem area is exacerbated by lack of curb cuts and unusually tall curbs

Anonymous was biking at SW Walker Rd and SW Murray Blvd on May 19, 2015 at 15:45

I was biking in the bike lane on SW Walker when one of the Nike dumptrucks overtook me close to the intersection, and the operator decided he had enough time to make a right turn on Murray just ahead of me. (He didn't.) I had time to come to a stop to wait, and when the dumptruck was clear and I started to go, a driver in a smaller car (silver Prius?) then turned right in front of me too. If I hadn't been vigilant I would have been right-hooked by 1. the arrogant dumptruck driver 2. the careless driver following his illegal lead.

Anonymous was biking at NE Prescott and NE 41st on May 31, 2015 at 11:16

Eastbound driver on Prescott attempted a Left on to NE 41st as I was crossing the intersection on Prescott Westbound.

Anonymous was biking at NE 7th and Weidler, Portland, OR on May 25, 2015 at 17:25

Myself and a few other people were biking North on 7th when we came across an armored car parked in the bike lane. We all went around the armored car, and as we were going around, someone pulled out of the Chipotle parking lot without looking and nearly hit all 3 of us.

Dave Toffey was biking at 7th and SE Morrison Ave on May 29, 2015 at 12:20

Heading south on 7th with lots of momentum from the downward hill as Sandy Blvd turns into 7th. I had the right of way at the intersection of 7th and Morrison and was nearly "left-hooked" by a northbound pick-up truck turning left from 7th onto Morrison. He either didn't see me or didn't care and I had to swerve/come to a complete stop to avoid hitting him.

Anonymous was biking at NE Alberta Ct btwn 47th/52nd on May 28, 2015 at 14:00

Driver was backing out of his driveway as I was going by on my bike. He was talking to a person in the car and didn't look in his rearview to see me.

Anonymous was biking at NE Tillamook and 9th Ave on Jun 01, 2015 at 18:30

A bicyclist was riding on Tillamook. A car turned right onto Tillamook directly in front of the cyclist. After the bicycle yelled to call attention to the motorist's illegal turn, the person in the car slowed down so the bicyclist was in front of the vehicle. The motorist then drove their vehicle directly toward the cyclist, who had to swerve to get out of the way. This was intentionally threatening and intimidating behavior.

Lisa Schonberg was biking at N Alberta and I-5 on Aug 01, 2014 at 23:49

I was stopped on Alberta at the intersection with the I-5 off ramp headed west, and I biked forward when it was my turn at the 4-way stop, but the car headed off of I-5 proceeded at the same time. I slammed on my brakes but got side swiped by the car. I fell to the ground and the driver continued driving back onto the highway.

Kenji Sugahara was biking at Glen Creek Rd NW and Bartell Dr NW, Salem, OR on May 31, 2015 at 16:25

I was biking down Glen Creek Rd. in a bike lane when a black Chevy HHR LT Oregon License Plate 207 DJU passed by me - driving with its right wheels within the bike lane. The driver passed with about 4 inches to spare and began executing a right turn early into Bartell Dr. with me along side the vehicle. The driver had plenty of time to see me and the driver was driving aggressively as if to intimidate me.

Maggie Morris was biking at n. Rosa Parks and n. Montana on May 29, 2015 at 08:37

A car came very close to turning into me when I had a green bike light. I often am very cautious there, as cars frequently do not obey the "no turn on red" light to get onto I-5 north. A very very dangerous intersection.

Anonymous was driving at SE 28th & Powell on Mar 03, 2014 at 18:51

I was driving East on Powell in the right lane around SE 28th. To my left, also traveling East, was a large panel truck. The truck suddenly stopped so I figured something was going on. I came to a stop, even with the front of the truck, only to discover an individual crossing the road. I had absolutely no visual on that pedestrian until the last minute.

That simple decision prevented a lot of grief for a lot of people, including myself. Let others' driving habits speak to you, even if you see no danger lurking.

Anonymous was biking at NE 7th and Clackamas, Portland, OR on Jun 02, 2015 at 08:30

Myself and another person were biking South on NE 7th in the bike lane. As we were passing a semi, the driver of the semi started merging into the bike lane. I slowed and went around the semi and got the driver's

attention. He berated me for "blocking traffic" even though he was the one who was causing the problems!

Right here, there are streetcar tracks, so forcing bikes around his vehicle is dangerous due to the high speed of traffic and the tracks.

Anonymous was biking at NE 7th and Graham, Portland, OR on Jun 02, 2015 at 08:20

Aggressively passed by driver of a black sedan who then immediately made a right turn and nearly hit me again. Driver could have waited about 30 seconds to clear the intersection, but instead came dangerously close to running me over twice.

Dee Railer was biking at SE 82nd Ave. & SE Overland St., 97222 on May 31, 2015 at 17:20

Co-worker and I were crossing SE 82nd at SE Overland on the green light heading east straight into the Home Depot / Dick's parking lot. Opposing left hand turning automobile traffic heading west exiting the parking lot did not yield. SUBARU wagon (metallic tan) w/ one occupant locked eyes w/ me, stuttered for a second, hit her brakes momentarily, then gunned it, putting their automobile directly in a path to left hook me. I hit my brakes and swerved left to miss them and yelled a warning. The vehicle directly behind them was going to follow the same path, but at the last second noticed us clearing the intersection and slammed on their brakes and allowed us to get through the intersection. This is a fairly common occurrence at this intersection. There is NO dedicated left turn arrow. Sometimes I wish I had a HUMMER grille & bumper attached to the front of my bicycle... maybe they would see me then.

Brian was biking at sw taylor at sw 2nd, Portland, OR on May 20, 2015 at 07:35

I was travelling West on SW Taylor between 1st and 2nd. I was occupying the right-hand lane, which I believe to be safer on this particular block, and another cyclist was occupying the left lane. As we traveled between 1st and 2nd a silver Range Rover swerved between the two cyclists, from the right lane to the left, deliberately crowding me in my lane and gunning his engine. We both stopped at the red light on 2nd, the driver rolled down his window shouting obscenities including "get your f***ing piece of s**t off the road" at a level of rage that cannot be safe for a man of his build; you can picture the guy, balding overweight white guy in expensive clothes - basically just who you expect to driving a Range Rover like he's the only person on earth. I shouted back, trying to keep the altercation verbal rather than give him the opportunity to act out the homicidal rage in his eyes.

When the light turned green, he peeled out and took off at a high rate of speed. I looked up and saw there was a Portland Police Supervisor in his car just around the corner. I stopped to report the incident to the officer who was oblivious to all the screaming and the speeding vehicle leaving the scene some 30 ft away from his vehicle and showed no inclination to take any kind of action - to be fair, I hadn't gotten a plate # but the offender was still only a block away.

Summary: Raging asshole in silver Range Rover deliberately menacing cyclists downtown. I suspect that he works within a few blocks of this location and is a serial offender. Let's get this menace off the streets before he kills someone or strokes out from unjustified anger.

Charley Gee was walking at SW Salmon St. and SW 1st Ave on Jun 02, 2015 at 12:25

I was almost struck by a #15 bus today as I was crossing in the crosswalk and the bus driver was attempting to make a right on red. It appeared the bus never stopped fully at the intersection, but was going to roll the red light. I was forced to backpedal to avoid being struck. I had a cross signal.

This occurred at the intersection of SW 1st Ave. and SW Salmon Street at approximately 12:25pm. The bus was eastbound on Salmon making a right/southbound turn on to 1st.

Amanda Lee Harrison was walking at N. Beech St and N. Vancouver Ave. Crossing in crosswalk, heading east. on Jun 02, 2015 at 10:00

Crossing in crosswalk over N. Vancouver heading east. Vehicles rarely stop at this crosswalk. Today however, a vehicle traveling south slowed down and I started to cross, but the eastbound turning vehicle thought that slowing was for him to turn. He nearly hit me in the crosswalk. He drove off so fast I did not get the licence plate.

Jack Olsen was biking at se division and se 8th on Jun 01, 2015 at 16:00

Driver a large utility van ran a light that had been red for 3-4 seconds, well in excess of the posted speed limit. I was crossing in the cross walk with a walk signal when the driver came through just a few feet in front of me.

Mitch Miller was biking at SE Cesar Chavez and Gladstone, Portland, OR on May 14, 2015 at 17:30

I was commuting home from work, riding east on Gladstone in the bike lane, when one of the cars waiting to turn right at the light swerved right in front of me into the bike lane. I managed to dodge the bike but its bumper came within a couple inches of my leg.

Mitch Miller was biking at SE 22nd and Gladstone on Jun 01, 2015 at 17:30

This is where SE 22nd curves around to become Gladstone. There's a cement plant and a freight terminal right there.

Trucks driving West into the freight terminal frequently cross through the curve, through the double lines, without slowing. I saw this happen yesterday, the truck went full speed ahead through the double lines and nearly plowed through a car, to get onto the ramp.

This is an absolutely terrifying spot for cars and cyclists coming the other way. The trucks have no regard for anyone else coming through the curve and frequently plow right through. Maybe half of the trucks will stop or slow. The rest maintain their speed, as its not an especially trafficked area.

Someone is going to get killed here. There should be a light, or at the very least a stop sign.

Ken was biking at NE Going St & NE 25th Ave on Jun 02, 2015 at 15:00

Heading East on Going. Driver was stopped at 25th stop sign. Went through intersection without looking at me coming or pedestrian about to cross street. Slammed on brakes missing her by a few feet. Pedestrian stayed on sidewalk. Driver was young female driving a 4 door white Hyundai Driver was seen texting on her phone. Did not make eye contact with either one of us.

Jack Olsen was biking at se division and se 8th on Jun 02, 2015 at 16:30

Driver heading southeast on Division and turning right onto 8th ran the red light at high speed just a few feet in front of me as I was crossing with a walk light. I have pictures of vehicle, license plate and driver available.

Spencer Bushnell was biking at 26th & Powell on May 24, 2015 at 18:00

N bound driver near miss Left hook as she waited to turn west from 26th to Powell pre "ODOT knee jerk intersection repair". I had 600 lumen strobe on and was 2ft from getting "allistaired".

Spencer Bushnell was biking at SE 28th & Rhone on May 24, 2015 at 08:12

Driver did not stop at two way stop @ rhone and 28th, nearly sideswiped me. I was forced to jump on sidewalk to avoid getting hit. I had ROW with 600 lumen flasher on

Seth Woolley was biking at NE 24th and Weidler, Portland, OR on Jun 01, 2015 at 17:00

I had to cross from a bike lane across two lanes of traffic to get to a third lane which was effectively a turn lane. That third lane had a red light, the two other lanes had a green light. This was actually the complicated interchange at 24th and Weidler heading eastbound and I had to go from the Weidler bike lane to 24th.

The prior light had recently changed so traffic was light, so I used a hand signal and crossed with plenty of room not to cause any slow down of vehicles. No obstruction of any kind. I have a rear view mirror too and can see all around my position.

A woman well over 50 yards behind me (and not the car right behind me, about 50 yards back) rolled down her window (it may have already been down) and honked wildly and repeatedly yelling to get out of the road. The honking continued even as I stopped for the vehicles in front of me. Just as I turned around to see what was going on (was there a pedestrian or somebody else she was yelling at that I hadn't seen?), she continued in the straight middle lane and spit at me as she went by. I only heard the sound of the spitting and saw the spit. The face went by too quickly for me to register it.

I didn't even know I was the target until the spit came my direction.

The spit didn't get very far. I was probably 8 feet away, and her spittle went about 3 feet. Yelling isn't conducive to spit accumulation.

A man also with his window down (I don't know why these people had their windows down, since it was raining lightly), about two cars behind her in the right lane, yelled out with a tone of solidarity, "Just ignore her, she's crazy!"

I suppose it's somewhat comforting to know that not everybody is out to hurt me for the mere act of riding a bike.

Anonymous was biking at SE Hawthorne and SE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR on Jun 02, 2015 at 18:25

I was commuting home by bike on 6/2/2015 and was almost in the intersection when a speeding Subaru raced up and started turning right. No signal, no notice of another cyclist in the intersection and myself about to enter it and no yielding for pedestrians with a walk signal. They had to finish their turn in the wrong lane in order to avoid the collision and we had to stop.

brian rousseau was biking at n central ave in front of high school on Jun 02, 2015 at 21:30

A driver aimed straight for me and veered off at last second. Dark blue truck

Paul Atkinson was biking at NE Lloyd Blvd and NE 12th Ave, Portland, OR on May 29, 2015 at 11:50

Waiting at a red light with another cyclist, both headed south on NE 12th. Light changed and we entered the intersection; driver heading north on 12th turned left across our path to go west on Lloyd. Both cyclists stopped and I shouted (just something like "Oi!"), and the driver raised a middle finger and continued his turn.

Joel was walking at SW Columbia and SW 3rd Ave on May 30, 2015 at 13:30

Left turning pickup-truck in left lane on 3rd Ave is stopped for pedestrian with walk signal crossing SW Columbia. South bound mini-van in right lane on 3rd ave squeals tires and turns left from outside lane, passing the truck which is stopped for the pedestrian. Mini-van blows through crosswalk with pedestrian present. Driver of mini-van (middle aged white male) then has to stop on Columbia for the traffic light at SW 2nd, and is confronted about the maneuver. Said he "was sorry" but "had to get to work."

Joel was biking at 1000 SW 3rd Ave, Portland, OR on May 30, 2015 at 23:00

Long line of vehicles in left lane presumably in left turn queue for SW Madison. I am biking in the left lane and move to the right to pass just as a car in the queue veers into the center lane just inches away from me. The passenger sees me and makes eye contact during the lane change and the occupants of the vehicle only laugh when they realize what they did.

Anonymous was driving at Foster and Holgate on Jun 02, 2015 at 22:13

Driver blew through red. Light was green for me for a few seconds and driver in pickup almost killed both lanes.

Anonymous was biking at east burnside and se 97th on May 29, 2015 at 17:35

I was headed south on the 205 bike path as it crosses the Max tracks near se 97th. I had the signal (light was counting down) a car ran the red light headed East without stopping.

Anonymous was walking at SW 9th and SW Washington on Jun 03, 2015 at 13:45

woman on 9th crossing washington in white mercedes convertible looked to her left (traffic on washington), and then proceeded to drive through the intersection quickly without looking forward at myself and another pedestrian that were in the middle of crossing 9th on the other side of the washington crossing 9th.

Anonymous was biking at SE 20th and Ankeny, Portland, OR on Jun 06, 2015 at 17:15

I was traveling eastbound on SE Ankeny, approaching the stop sign at 20th when I heard a loud engine behind me. I saw an older, red pick-up truck going about 10 MPH above the speed limit headed Eastbound on Ankeny. I arrived at the stop sign about 30 seconds or so before this pickup.

When I arrived at the stop sign, I dismounted from the bike as the light at 20th and Burnside was green, allowing N/S traffic to flow along 20th. As I sat at the stop sign waiting for an opportunity to cross SE 20th, the truck whipped around me (by going into the left-hand lane), turned in front of me onto southbound SE 20th, and cut off another motor vehicle in the process (causing them to slam on their brakes).

Anonymous was biking at NE 21st and Tilamook on Jun 02, 2015 at 14:14

I had the right away. A prius drove halfway through the intersection and the driver realized I too, was using that intersection and they skid to a stop right in front of me. I was in the middle of the lane and not directly behind another vehicle. It was the middle of the day.

Anonymous was biking at SW Jamieson Rd and 91st Ave on Jun 02, 2015 at 12:50

Pickup truck hauling a trailer passed me on the left, but did not cross entirely into the other lane. Then the driver came back into the right-hand lane too early, causing the trailer to nearly clip me. The driver also did not signal.

Since this is a two-lane street w/o any buffer, I take the lane. This is neither the first - and I doubt it will be the last - time that I've nearly been clipped or been passed entirely too close (within three feet) on this road.

Amanda S. was biking at NW 14th at NW Glisan on May 29, 2015 at 10:45

I was traveling in the marked bicycle lane Northbound on NW 14th approaching NW Everett St.

A driver came up from behind me (i have two flashing lights going in front and rear) then then proceeded to leave their driving lane to cut me off (the light at Everett was turning yellow) and drove in the bike lane and the unoccupied parking spaces to create their own personal right turn lane to use to turn right onto NW Everett.

However, the light then turned red, and there were pedestrians crossing that they also nearly plowed into trying to beat the light, so they had to stop abruptly, while they continued to block the bike lane, the parking space, and part of the crosswalk on 14th ave going west to east on Everett.

While that was going on, some OTHER driver then followed that person's lead and drove into the bike lane/parking spaces BEHIND me at the red light, then after the first driver had made their turn on red, beeped at ME, as they now felt that I was their way. As I moved to the (still red) light in the bike lane, that SECOND CAR then also used the empty parking spaces as their own right turn lane and came up tightly to my right.

I would like to note that something of this nature is happening to me personally AT LEAST 2-3x weekly at this intersection when the parking spaces there on the right are unoccupied. People are constantly trying to create a right turn lane with the bike and parking lanes where there is none. Its' really dangerous.

Brent Miller was biking at SE Hawthorne & 10th Street, Portland, OR on Oct 21, 2014 at 19:35

I was in the bike lane heading east on Hawthorne, and an SUV right-hooked me. If the driver had used his mirror or checked his blind spot, he would have seen me. It is doubly egregious because he knew I was there; I had been in front of him 2 blocks earlier.

Brent Miller was biking at SE Brooklyn & 31st Ave. on May 20, 2015 at 08:20

I was heading north on 31st on my bike. The intersection with Brooklyn is at the bottom of a little dip, and has stop signs for cars on Brooklyn but no control for cars & cyclists on 31st. I typically use the dip to get some speed so I can make it up the next block.

As I approached the intersection, a POLICE CAR did a very fast california stop -- more of a brief slow down -- and entered the intersection without seeing me. As we got closer, with me slamming on my brakes and trying to avoid him, he saw me and hit his brakes. It was a close call.

Anonymous was biking at NE 7th and Clackamas, Portland, OR on Jun 03, 2015 at 20:30

Two vehicles (truck and a jeep) were parked illegally in the Northbound bike lane (right next to legal, on-street parking).

Anonymous was biking at Sw Broadway and ash, Portland OR on Jun 03, 2015 at 09:28

Driver of suv suddenly turned right through bike lane, nearly hitting bike in front of me. Bikes behind me almost got me as I braked.

Anonymous was biking at NE Killingsworth and 15th, Portland, OR on Jun 03, 2015 at 21:00

I was biking on NE Killingsworth and waiting to turn left onto NE 15th. As I was waiting, I was passed dangerously closely on the right. And when it was clear to go, I started to turn. As I was turning, someone on the opposite side of the intersection (East side) passed a left-turning vehicle on the right and headed straight for me at a high speed. I avoided the vehicle, but it was pretty close. They did not slow down in order for me

to complete my turn.

TL;DR: Two vehicles passed illegally on the right.

Anonymous was biking at N Williams and Fremont, Portland OR on Jun 03, 2015 at 17:31

Driver crossed over to left turn lane forcing me to stop suddenly to avoid being hit. Other bikes also swerved, one almost into traffic

Marion Poole was biking at 47th and Oak SE on May 13, 2014 at 08:20

I had my back flasher on, flag on

A black sedan with 2 kids Hit my handlebar with his mirror on 47th

slowed I waved and picked up his mirror magnifying piece

He kept going, chased him to Davis and 48th outside the school where he was dropping off his kids.

He said his 4 year old daughter said they hit a branch.

He apologized 25 times. I asked him how would you feel if you if his kids got hit. Do you know how much helmets help? Not very much. You have children, do I have children? I pointed to my child's bike connected to mine with a follow-me.

His mirror was bent back where he hit me as evidence, gave him the other part as further evidence.

Anonymous was biking at SE Division & 85th, Portland, OR on Apr 15, 2015 at 16:30

Driver overtook me and immediately turned across the bike lane.

Dmitriy Z was biking at SE 35th and SE Clinton St on May 14, 2015 at 11:00

Middle-aged woman in a silver VW Beetle was unhappy about my lane position on Clinton St so she passed very closely while honking, cut me off and then brake checked so I had to slam on my brakes to avoid hitting her from behind. She then sped down Clinton St.

M.Inwe was walking at SW 16th and Alder, Portland, OR on Jun 03, 2015 at 14:10

Two eastbound auto lanes at this location. As I approached to cross Alder headed southbound, driver in far lane stopped to allow me to cross. The next three approaching drivers in near lane then blew right by, passing the first stopped car and failing to yield for a pedestrian at the crosswalk.

Anonymous was biking at NW 13th and Glisan, Portland OR on Jun 03, 2015 at 13:00

I was at the stop sign waiting to cross Glisan along with pedestrians on three corners of the intersections waiting to cross. A dump truck headed towards the Old Town construction was coming down the hill. A car turned right onto Glisan from the Northbound lane on 13th, assuming that the dumptruck would stop for all of the pedestrians. The dump truck didn't slow down, honked multiple times and swore out his window. Aggressive driving of oversized vehicles in Portland city limits must stop.

M.Inwe was walking at nw 20th place and Burnside, Portland, OR on Jun 03, 2015 at 15:00

Multiple pedestrians waiting to cross Burnside at 20th Place, on both sides of street. Despite traffic signals a block in either direction, I waited for drivers of seven cars to blow by at speed before timing of signals allowed crossing safely. This is for me an almost twice daily experience at this crosswalk.

M.Inwe was walking at Sw 10th and Yamhill on Jun 02, 2015 at 15:45

Eastbound driver of white Kia SUV, stopped second in line at red light, suddenly drove onto adjacent MAX tracks in front of oncoming train in order to pull up and make left turn onto 10th. Signals were red in both directions, allowing for MAX signal and pedestrians crossing 10th.

M.Inwe was walking at N. Interstate and Rosa Parks, Portland, OR on Jun 03, 2015 at 12:10

FedEx delivery vehicle parked in bike lane adjacent to intersection bulb-out, blocking bike lane, part of the crosswalk, and part of an auto lane, creating unsafe conditions for people walking, biking, and driving.

Cliff Heaberlin was biking at Naito and SW Taylor, Portland, OR on Jun 01, 2015 at 12:15

A person made a swift right turn into an available street parking spot. I was riding in the bike lane on the right side slowing passing the vehicle (we were moving at 10-15mph) before the driver attempted to pull head first into the spot. I bounced off the passenger side door. Interestingly, it occurred right in front of a city tour group. I was fine, just startled. The waterfront multi-use path happened to be closed due to some festival event preparation.

Dan Loda was biking at NE Knott and 24th on Jun 04, 2015 at 11:30

Yielded to car on my right at 4 way stop, traveling north on NE 24th. As I started through intersection I realized there was a pedestrian that was hidden by the car so I slowed to a very slow crawl/trackstand to let him cross. The car behind me was anxious to get ahead of me, barely squeezed between (1-2 feet) the pedestrian and I on the southbound side of the intersection.

Anonymous was biking at Se 4th and caruthers, Portland, OR on Jun 04, 2015 at 09:15

driver veered into the bike lane where I was riding

Anonymous was biking at 10317 E. Burnside on May 29, 2015 at 09:00

Driver pulled out of a driveway in front of me to view oncoming traffic before turning right. I was biking up and had to make a hard brake as they drove out quickly. The driver didn't see me, but after I braked, did and was very apologetic. I hope it served as a good reminder for her to look both ways.

Ash was biking at N Rosa Parks Way and N Montana St., Portland, OR on Apr 25, 2015 at 18:00

The driver appeared to be speeding, but also cut into the other lane without using a turn signal (that I was also turning into.)

Sarah Hardy was walking at SW 9th and Washington on Jun 04, 2015 at 10:15

Driver made a right turn from SW 9th onto Washington as I was crossing the street heading west up Washington and I had right of way. Driver was already stopped over the crosswalk nearly hitting other pedestrians walking east on Washington. Driver did not see me even though I was in the middle of the crosswalk. As she turned she yelled "sorry!" out her window and continued turning in front of me.

Amanda Grayson was walking at Ne Martin Luther King and ne columbia on Jun 02, 2015 at 18:00

Walking on sidewalk. Semi truck decided not to wait for me to cross his driveway and looked at me and made his left hand turn across traffic right in front of me. I had to run backwards to get out of the way of his truck.

Anonymous was walking at NE Killingsworth and NE 36th Ave, Portland, OR on May 29, 2015 at 17:45

I was crossing from the Trimet stop on the south side of the street to northbound side, and should have had plenty of time to cross at a brisk pace. Speeding driver going eastbound on Killingsworth seemed to speed up as he saw me crossing. I held up my hand in a stop motion. He barely slowed down enough to avoid hitting me, laid on his horn, and cursed me out.

Kelley L was biking at 45th and sandy on Jun 04, 2015 at 16:45

I was crossing sandy to get to whole foods. A car came to make a left hand turn on sandy. She did not see me and I almost ran into her car.

Anonymous was biking at NE Stanton and between MLK and Williams on Jun 04, 2015 at 23:30

A car ran the stop sign and I had to lock my brakes up.

Anonymous was biking at SE Clinton, & 32nd on Jun 04, 2015 at 19:50

I was biking eastbound on SE Clinton when an older red Toyota Tacoma (or maybe its predecessor, the T100?) pickup came up behind me. They came up fast, then slowed down and passed way to close trying to run me off of the road. I was riding on the sharrows to avoid the door zone, and the driver clearly was trying to steer towards me. The woman in the passenger seat was looking right at me, but I had nowhere to go. They passed mere inches off of me. The driver immediately brake checked me. As soon as Westbound traffic cleared, they turned left and headed North towards Division.

Tom was walking at SE Hawthorne and 7th on Jun 04, 2015 at 17:00

A large pickup almost right-hooked several bicyclists. It stopped when several of them yelled.

Anonymous was biking at N. Willamette and N. Ida, Portland, OR on Jun 06, 2015 at 18:30

Driver cut me off in my travel lane while turning right on to Ida from Willamette Blvd. and nearly hit me.

Chadwick was biking at NW St. Helens road and NW Bridge Ave, Portland, OR. on Jun 01, 2015 at 08:25

Driver nearly right hooked me while attempting to turn on to Bridge Ave from Highway 30. This happens frequently when I try to travel to work east on highway 30.

ethan was biking at NE Broadway and 28th, Portland, OR on Jun 05, 2015 at 22:00

I was riding Southbound on 28th and the light turned green as I approached the intersection. Someone who was driving North, turned left directly in front of me as I was already in the intersection. They did not slow down or stop. Instead, they sped up and came really close to hitting me.

Anonymous was biking at N Rosa Parks and N Maryland, Portland, OR on Jun 07, 2015 at 20:00

Driver of a large SUV nearly ran into a person on a bike.

Dan Loda was biking at NE 24th and NE Stanton on Jun 08, 2015 at 13:35

Box truck crossing NE 24th on Stanton rolled stop sign, either didn't see me or misjudged my speed. I saw it coming and was able to brake in time.

Kathleen Youell was biking at SE 23rd and Clinton, Portland, OR on Jun 05, 2015 at 16:00

I was biking uphill (eastbound) on SE Clinton with one of my kids in my bakfiets. The driver of a white vehicle (station wagon type) passed so closely just before the SE 23rd roundabout that I had to jump off my bike and tip it to the right to avoid them smacking the box. I was too shocked to get a good vehicle/driver description or the license plate number.

Darin Wick was biking at N. Steel Bridge and N. Interstate, Portland, OR on Jun 09, 2015 at 18:30

I had come up from the lower deck of the Steel Bridge to enter N. Interstate and was waiting at the light to enter Northbound Interstate from the off-street path. When the light changed to the "bike" signal, the rider in front of me was nearly run over by a car driven by someone who had apparently not seen or disregarded the

"no right on red" signage. The car surged forward and stopped a few feet short of the bikes entering the roadway at that point.

Anonymous was walking at SW Park and SW Alder on Jun 10, 2015 at 06:54

Gray Prius ran stop sign on Washington to turn right onto Alder without looking to his right. I was in the road, crossing the street, he missed me by inches. I don't think he even saw me after missing me, as he never looked right while running the stop sign.

Had I not have been extremely aware of my surroundings, I would have been seriously injured.

Anonymous was biking at SE Ankeny and Sandy Blvd, Portland, OR on Jun 10, 2015 at 08:50

Driver cut me off, then later near Sandy Blvd intentionally nearly rear-ended me while inching towards me menacingly, yelling "Get off the road!"

Kathleen Youell was i was biking, the child was on a kick scooter on the sidewalk. at SE 21st and Clinton, Portland, OR on Jun 10, 2015 at 08:34

Biking westbound on SE Clinton. As I came up to the stop sign at SE 21st, the cyclist going northbound took her turn. The next turn was an Abernethy student who was scooting to school so crossing SE 21st as a westbound pedestrian. The driver that was going northbound on SE 21st went without stopping, as if stopping behind the bicycle counted as stopping. The student's parent and I both yelled, but the female driver did not stop or look, she just continued on.

Adam H. was biking at SE 39th and Clinton, Portland OR on Jun 10, 2015 at 08:45

Near left-hook. Person turned left onto 39th without looking for people riding bikes straight through the intersection.

Anonymous was walking at SW 9th and SW Alder on Jun 10, 2015 at 11:35

Woman driving an older white Pontiac did not stop on 9th Ave until the sides of her car were well into the intersection, almost hitting several pedestrians that were already in the intersection.

Anonymous was walking at SW Washington and SW Park on Jun 10, 2015 at 11:50

Crossing 9th Avenue at in front of a stopped car. Was in the middle of the street, midway past the car when the driver decided to go without looking forward. She missed me by less than an inch.

Adam H. was biking at SE Clinton and 30th, Portland OR on Jun 01, 2015 at 17:30

Woman in SUV was following me too closely and honking. She passed me too closely and screamed at me "you're the reason everyone hates bikers".

Anonymous was biking at SE Ankeny and 20th, Portland, OR on Jun 10, 2015 at 08:47

Driver attempted to turn left from eastbound Ankeny onto 20th despite signs indicating right turn only for cars and the presence of a curb divider along the middle of 20th. I was nearly left-hooked before I yelled; the

driver slammed on the brakes but she seemed to want to continue. I told her she's not turning left there and she begrudgingly backed up and turned right onto southbound 20th.

Anonymous was biking at SE 20th and Cypress, Portland, OR on Jun 09, 2015 at 17:20

I was riding north on SE 20th, taking the middle of the lane as the lane is narrow and there's not enough room for a car to safely pass. An aggressive and impatient driver behind me passed over a double solid yellow line at 30-35mph with oncoming traffic nearby.

Jeff Jackson was biking at SW Bancroft and Moody, Portland OR on Jun 10, 2015 at 17:15

I was traveling westbound, and stopped at the 4-way stop. I signaled to turn left onto the Willamette Greenway Trail. I waited for a driver traveling eastbound who was at the stop sign before me. Then, while taking my left turn, a second eastbound driver failed to stop at the stop sign while I was in the intersection. I stopped my bike in the intersection and called out, hoping to avoid contact. The driver saw me and stopped in time.

Jeff Jackson was biking at SW Iowa and Virginia, Portland OR on Jun 10, 2015 at 17:20

I was riding westbound on SW Iowa and had signaled a right turn onto SW Virginia. Iowa does not have a stop sign at this intersection (which is why I ride this route). A driver was traveling southbound on Virginia and I feared that he was planning to run the stop sign. I stopped completely (skidding slightly). He saw me in time and allowed me to proceed.

Jeff Jackson was biking at SW Nebraska and Virginia, Portland OR on Jun 10, 2015 at 17:22

I was riding southbound at SW Virginia, and had stopped at the 4-way stop at Nebraska. Just after I proceeded through the intersection, the same driver that ran the stop sign at SW Iowa (see entry at SW Virginia and Iowa 2 minutes earlier) passed within 2 feet of me (well within the southbound lane).

Let's just say that it was this series of events that prompted me to post on this website.

Anonymous was biking at SE Stark and 2nd, Portland, OR on Jun 10, 2015 at 15:30

Was cycling east on Stark in the bike lane when a large truck to my left illegally stopped mid-block to allow an oncoming minivan driver to make a left turn. The minivan driver could not see me from behind the side of the truck and nearly left-hooked me – thankfully she heard me yell and slammed on the brakes.

Scott Kocher was biking at NW Naito and Steel Bridge (waterfront path) on Jun 11, 2015 at 09:30

This morning I was riding my bicycle to work on the path in the Esplanade a few yards south of the Steel Bridge. I was wearing hi viz, with a front light on full strobe, in dry daylight conditions, when I was nearly struck head-on by an orange City of Portland forklift being operated in the path. I was not traveling fast, and I saw when she came from the grass onto the path and started coming at me. I stopped. I screamed. She looked where she was going just in time to stop. Everyone was ok, this time, but it was a very dangerous and unwelcome situation.

This path is possibly the most heavily-used path in Oregon for people of all ages to bike, walk, and run. The City (Parks?) has vehicles on the path to facilitate festivals, and on a daily basis emptying trash cans, etc. I hope City employees operating vehicles on the path will be extremely careful in this environment. Hoping

that people will be careful, however, doesn't solve a dangerous environment.

May I suggest:

FLAGGERS

It would be helpful to have standard work zone precautions, such as flaggers and cones, any time the path is being used as a work zone. This morning there was nobody helping the forklift operator, and no cones or markers for the work zone.

A SAFE PLACE TO RIDE AND WALK ALONG NAITO

Big picture, the waterfront path is overcrowded. I would prefer not to ride a bike there. But, there is no connection for my route–Naito north of the Steel Bridge to downtown–without going onto the path. Staying on Naito under the Steel Bridge means negotiating multiple shallow-angle railroad tracks (where I have seen bicycle crashes), and narrow bridge footings with fast traffic and no place to ride a bicycle for several blocks. The only path under the bridge that is not currently in use as an encampment is the one I was on.

As a daily user for most of the last fourteen years, I increasingly see collisions, near misses, and uncomfortable and unsafe encounters with people who are intoxicated or impaired along the waterfront path, particularly around the Steel, Burnside and Morrison bridges downtown.

I hope soon we will have a safe place to ride, run, and walk along Naito that connects to the Hawthorne and Steel Bridges, and Naito north of the Steel Bridge, as a viable alternative to the overcrowded and currently out-of-control waterfront path.

Thank you for your work to provide immediate and longer-term solutions.

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Phil Richman was biking at SW Barbur Blvd & Capitol Highway on Jun 10, 2015 at 16:40

I was riding southbound in the bike lane next to 2 TriMet Busses and as the first turned right onto Capitol Highway the 2nd, which was next to me at this point attempted to speed up, clearly seeing me, but still threatening a right-hook. When I held my line in the bike lane and passed straight onto Barbur the driver gave me a honk as if I was in the wrong and needed to yield.

Adam H. was biking at SE 11th and Washington on Jun 11, 2015 at 17:30

I stopped at the stop sign and she honked at me. I turned around to look and she just drove into my bike and knocked it down.

Aubrey Perry was walking at NE 122nd and Halsey, Portland, OR on Jun 11, 2015 at 18:05

Was waiting on the SW corner of NE 122nd and Halsey for the pedestrian signal to walk north across Halsey. When the signal turned to walk, I took a step into the intersection when a car entered the right hand turn lane and refused to stop. The driver never looked to her left (where she would have seen me) and speed up through the corner to beat oncoming southbound traffic.

Hazel was biking at N Vancouver and Lombard on Jun 08, 2015 at 17:04

Car ran a red light.

Kevin Chambers was walking at SE Cesar Chavez Blvd & I-84 on Jun 05, 2015 at 22:00

I was on the east side of Cesar Chavez Blvd, crossing Cesar Chavez Blvd at the traffic signal just south of I-84. The signal had just changed, so that I had the walk sign. I had put one foot into the street when a north-bound car on Cesar Chavez Blvd passed in front of me and turned right on the the I-84 on ramp. The driver did not slow down at all, apparently thinking there was no need to heed the red light because he was turning right.

Anonymous was biking at NE Webster and 13th, Portland, OR on Jun 11, 2015 at 17:35

I was riding Northbound on NE 13th when someone who was driving a small silver car ran the stop sign and turned left from Webster to NE 13th. They turned directly into my path of travel and would have hit me had I not stopped to avoid the collision.

Dan Loda was biking at Ne Fremont and ne 11th on Jun 12, 2015 at 18:15

Bikining westbound on ne Fremont, two ladies and their small children were trying to cross Fremont at 11th coming from Irving park. I took the lane and stopped. The car behind me accelerated into the opposite lane coming within a couple feet of the children. Abhorrent and totally irresponsible.

Reduce the speed limit on Fremont now!

Anonymous was walking at se 11th and se harrison on Jun 12, 2015 at 18:00

Speeding vehicles combined with high traffic congestion caused a near miss to pedestrian attempting to cross 11th. Interestingly, a bicycle was almost hit at this intersection less than 10 minutes prior.

Anonymous was biking at SE Hawthorne and SE 10th, Portland, OR on Jun 13, 2015 at 18:10

Riding east on Hawthorne in the bike lane, traveling roughly the speed of traffic. A large van next to me started veering into the bike lane with no warning, apparently in preparation to turn into a driveway that was still quite a ways ahead. I was forced up onto the sidewalk to avoid being hit.

Jed was biking at N Willamette Blvd & N Chase Ave on Jun 09, 2015 at 19:00

Distracted driver on Willamette drifted into the bike lane while (not) following the gentle curve of the street. I was forced to swerve into the parking lane to avoid being side swiped. This sort of problem is compounded by the rampant speeding by drivers on this street.

Willamette could be one of the most pleasant bike and walking areas in the entire city with some minor

infrastructure improvements, as it is now it functions as freeway for commuters seeking to avoid the traffic lights on Lombard.

David G was biking at NE MLK and Davis on Jun 15, 2015 at 09:43

I was run off the road by the Driver of an R+L Carriers Semi Truck and trailer this morning at 9:43. I was traveling southbound on NE MLK in the easternmost lane. The driver came up behind me, well in excess of the speed limit, crossed multiple lanes without signalling and ran a fully red light in order to cut me off. Without speaking to him, I went on to the sidewalk to record his truck number to report the threatening and dangerous behavior, at which point the driver shouted " R and L Carriers, if you want it- you don't belong on the road!". The truck number is PS746. I also recorded the trailer number and a photograph of the driver. This aggression on the road is completely unsafe and unjustifiable- all the lanes were open and this driver went out of his way and broke numerous traffic regulations to intimidate me.

DG was walking at MLK and Pine on Jun 15, 2015 at 01:14

I was walking north on the sidewalk approaching Pine. As I entered the crosswalk, a Silver Honda Element raced up to the intersection, I had to jump back to the sidewalk to avoid getting hit. The driver stopped all the way in the crosswalk, still only looking to his left (north), never checking the sidewalk. As I returned to my office, I noticed that the City has not painted or maintained any crosswalks or stop bars along Grand or MLK. This is a frequent problem for pedestrians along these busy, one-way streets. I believe that safety would be hugely increased if crosswalks or stop bars were painted to indicate where motorists must stop at all one-way intersections.