

MPI launches new intersection-speed enforcement program

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A truck goes through the intersection of Kenaston and McGillivray Boulevards in Winnipeg on Monday, Nov. 8, 2021. It is considered the most dangerous intersection in Winnipeg for total collisions for 2016-2020. PHOTO BY KEVIN KING /Winnipeg Sun

Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) has launched a new intersection-speed enforcement program delivered by the Winnipeg Police Service, Brandon Police Service and the RCMP aimed at lowering the estimated 30,000 yearly intersection collisions in Manitoba.

Officers will be deployed to high-collision intersections, focusing on intersection speed, adherence to traffic control devices, and clearing intersections before lights change. MPI will finance the program by covering police overtime.



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“Primarily, vehicles are entering intersections too quickly,” MPI spokesperson Brian Smiley told the *Winnipeg Sun* on Monday. “They are driving in too fast, and they don’t have time to react to an amber light, or in some situations they’re literally running a red light. We know that driver distraction comes into play. So this initiative is just to raise some awareness for motorists in those various regions that if they’re going to drive recklessly, or exhibit high-risk driving behaviour, they could be ticketed.”

The program’s goal is to reduce collisions, fatalities and injuries. The Manitoba Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) Traffic Committee wants drivers to pay closer attention.

“The speed and intersection campaign encourages motorists to pay attention to their speed knowing full well the faster they are going the longer it takes for them to stop,” Doug Roxburgh, chairman of the MACP Traffic Committee said in a statement. “Motorists should think about how their driving habits could potentially impact others.”



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Todd Dube of WiseUp Winnipeg, a group monitoring traffic speed enforcement in Winnipeg, said he welcomes the intersection enforcement with reservations. He said the first order of business is making sure there are proper speed limits, and proper amber light times – not too short.

“If there’ve been chronic accidents at a location, that’s fixed by engineering, not by enforcement,” he said. “There are three E’s of safety – engineering, education, and lastly enforcement. If there are collisions there, they need to be addressed in that order.”

The MPI intersection speed program ends in early December.

[Winnipeg’s most dangerous intersections](#)

Top 10 Winnipeg intersections for total collisions 2016-2020

1 Kenaston-McGillivray 1,217

2 Leila-McPhillips 1,179

- 3 Lamimodiere-Regent 978
- 4 Kenaston-Sterling Lyon 919
- 5 Grant-Kenaston 887
- 6 Bishop Grandin-Pembina 875
- 7 Bishop Grandin-St. Mary's 799
- 8 Bishop Grandin-St. Annes 717
- 9 Bison Drive-Pembina 717
- 10 Bishop Grandin-Dakota 663

— *Source: MPI*