

Safety Check

From the Safety Chick

Safety Challenge - Find a Better Route

Thank you to those of you that responded to my request for your opinion of the most unsafe cycling intersection, road or trail in our area. As you will see from the list, there a number of roads and intersections that deserve an extra level of safety. Three of these intersections are so frequently traveled by AHBA cyclists, I would like to ask everyone in the Arlington Heights Bicycle Association to find a better way. What can we do as cyclists to improve our cycling community? Send me your suggestions - changes to routes, changes in how we approach a specific intersection, changes to how we ride.

Your opinions, in no particular order:

1. Crossing Lake Cook Road on Schaefer Road - an uncontrolled intersection with high speed traffic. (3)
2. Old Hick's Road heading north and making a left turn onto Route 53, heading toward Long Grove Road - an uncontrolled intersection with high speed traffic (3)
3. Central Road East of Oakton College - a narrow, heavily traveled road without a shoulder. (1)
4. Any Tuesday night ride - Lack of attention, unsafe riding skills (1)
5. Crossing Palatine Road, southbound on Kennecott - controlled with signal lights (1)
6. Southbound Ela Road, East on Route 14, exit ramp to Dundee Road - actually two intersections, one signal light controlled, the second uncontrolled, high speed traffic, road debris common. (1)
7. Crossing Devon Avenue at Arlington Heights Road or Thorndale, near Route 53 - high speed, requires rider (s) to turn right on Devon, then left across two lanes of traffic. (1)

If you have an idea for an improvement, please send it to me via email at wagnerdn@wowway.com by June 15. Suggestions will be posted in the July Safety Check article.