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Subject: Re Safe passing distance for cyclists, by motorists

Submission to Secretary of the Economy and Infrastructure Committee with regards to the Inquiry into the Road Safety Road Rules 2009 (Overtaking Bicycles) Bill 2015 . . .

A long time ago now, as a young child living in The Netherlands, I can still clearly remember the cycling lanes on major roads, next to the footpath, separated from the vehicular roadway by a clearly defined, raised concrete kerb.

This would, IMHO, be a far more satisfactory solution for preventing cycling accidents caused by vehicular impact. I do not consider the implementation of a "safe passing distance", in itself, a logical, preventative strategy. This is also my view when it comes to "white lines" painted on road edges to define a cycle lane, as they can far too easily be crossed by motorists preoccupied with traffic around them.

I respect that the general consensus would be that implementing the suggested concrete kerb would be cost sensitive and would like to override this concern by emphasising this life saving solution.

Sincerest regards, Jim Roelofs

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