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Dear Sirs,

A few comments about the newly completed bridge in Manitowoc Rapids.

First, it is beautifully built and a great addition to our area. The bike and pedestrian lanes are perfect and muchly needed. We live west on Broadway street and a big THANK YOU!

There is one problem that I see, and it is one that I have talked to the city about in the last few years. The northbound lane is extremely dangerous! The southbound lanes narrow into one to all the cars wanted to turn west onto Broadway Street. YES, there are overhead signs going south to warn drivers, but they can and (and are) easily overlooked. This happened to our daughter-in-law last week. She was waiting to turn west onto Broadway Street and a driver (towing a trailer) was in the wrong lane heading south. At the last moment, he was able to sneak into his proper lane, but it could have been very tragic! It is only a matter of time before someone is badly injured or killed there (hopefully not a member of our family).

(This letter was started a week ago and is now being continued).

Today, the same thing happened to me. I was waiting in the proper lane to turn west onto Broadway Street and a driver headed right toward me. Just before he (she) got to the intersection he realized his mistake and managed move to the proper lane to avoid a head on collision with me. There was NOTHING I could do.

It seems logical to me to have all traffic stopped at and allow the left turn lanes (east and west to proceed at the same time. YES, it would take a minute or two more but it would be MUCH safer for everyone.

PLEASE, consider my comments carefully and thoughtfully, as it is one huge problem. It is a shame to have such a beautiful road spoiled by a problem such as this.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would appreciate a reply with your comments.

Sincerely,

Dr. Harold W. Just