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## FIRST

In Sept/Oct 2024, a lane reduction test was performed along JND between Lakeside and Olin. What were the results of that test?

Given that the JND causeway has two lanes in each direction and Lakeside Street has very low traffic volumes (2800-4200), it seems likely that there is little value in keeping JND three lanes in each direction between Lakeside and Olin Ave. Only at Olin Avenue is there enough traffic volume to warrant widening JND to three lanes. The current design where the road widens without a corresponding increase in traffic volume invites aggressive driving in both directions.

Benefits of a narrower John Nolen Drive between Olin and Lakeside include:

- lower road construction costs
- lower Wingra Creek bridge construction costs
- shorter pedestrian crossing distances
- lower traffic speeds
- more sound buffer to Olin/Turville Park
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- space for improvements to Wingra Creek path underpass ramps
- space for a future west-side phase 3 path (if deemed appropriate)

## SECOND,

The ramps leading to the Wingra Creek Path underpass are blind and dangerous 90° turns. (see stills below from videos of south-side [west-bound](#) and [east-bound](#); north-side [west-bound](#))



(In less than an hour, 2,400 Ironman participants come into this underpass. It's horrifyingly comical to watch. The City doesn't close this path for the event, resulting in everyday walkers, joggers, and bikers finding themselves in the middle of the chaos!)

It would be a shame not to address this during the JND phase 2 construction. To this amateur engineer, there seem to be two possibilities:

1. If JND is reduced to two lanes in each direction between Olin and Lakeside, the extra space can be used to widen the path slightly and improve corner visibility
2. Raise JND and rebuild the bridge, providing much more space to reshape the ramps. Ideally the underpass could also be widened.

Best regards,

-Craig Weinhold