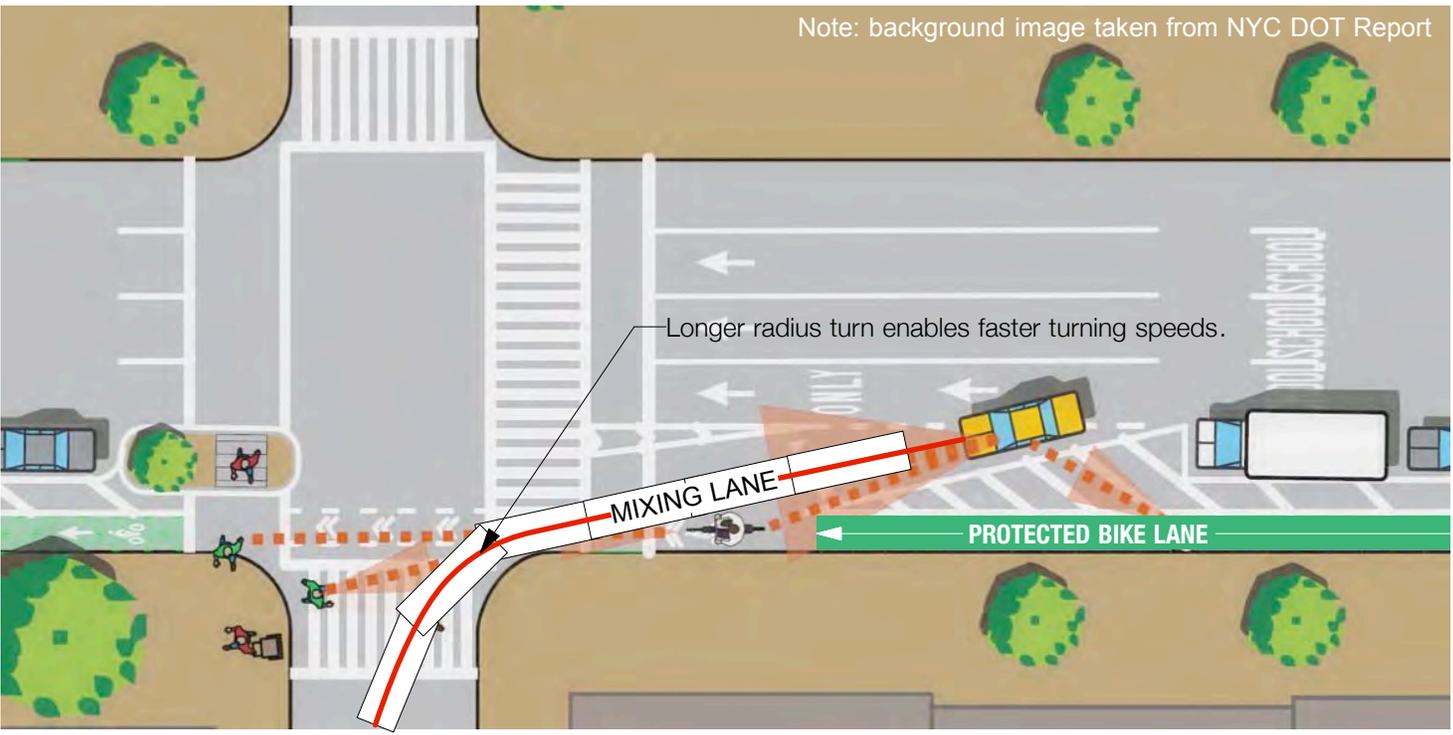
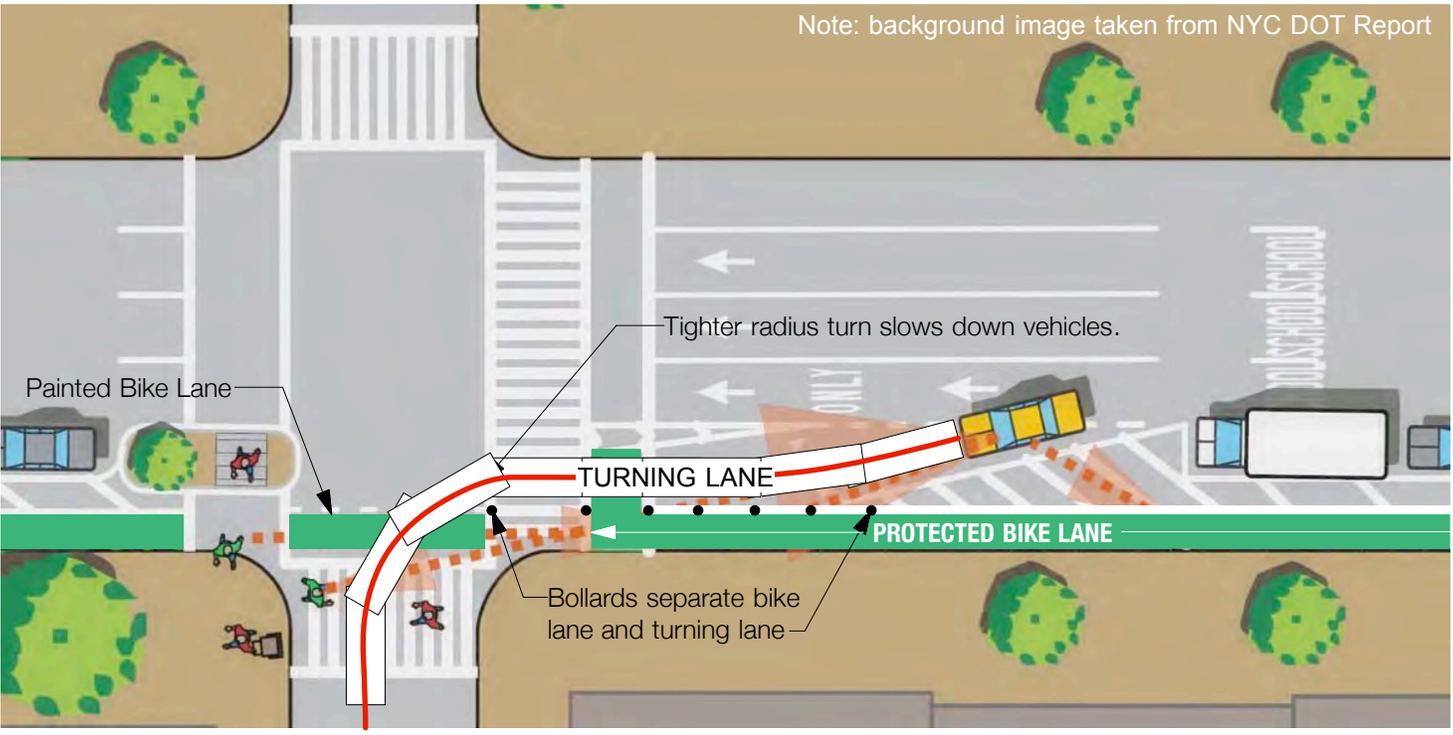


Note: background image taken from NYC DOT Report



**Existing Problem on Columbus and Amsterdam Avenue Safe Streets:
Mixing Zones Enable Crashes Between Left Turning Vehicles and Bicycles Traveling in Bike Lane**

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**Proposed Resolution: Request DOT to Improve Safety by Eliminating Mixing Zones and Installing Turning Lanes,
Slowing Turning Speed of Vehicles, Designating Bike Lanes at Street Crossings and Installing Physical Barriers to
Protect Bicycles in Bike Lane**



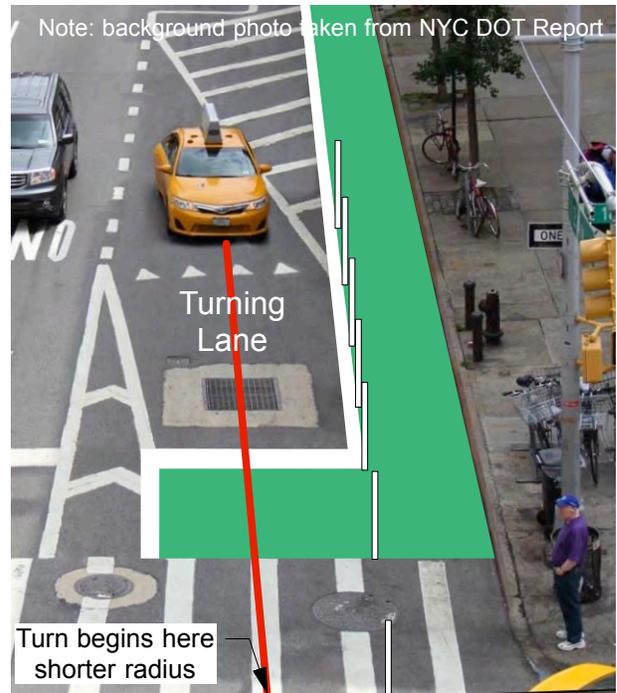
NACTO Turning Lane Scheme



Proposed Turning Lane Scheme
With Improved Protection for Cyclists



Existing DOT Mixing Zone Scheme



Proposed Turning Lane Scheme
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Statement read to CB7 Transportation Committee, 04-11-17

My name is Reed Rubey. I live on 96th Street & Central Park West. I walk, drive, use public transportation and commute daily by bike on the West Side Greenway. I also often use the bike lanes on Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues for which I thank the members of this committee who supported the recent redesign by the NYC Dept of Transportation.

However, there is a dangerous condition on both Avenues that I would like to bring to the board's attention, namely the Mixing Zones. A Mixing Zone occurs every other block where motor vehicles merge to the left into the space otherwise occupied by the bike lanes to make a left turn onto a cross street. The green paint designating the bike lane is not continuous there and there is no protection for cyclists. It is my understanding that during the public comments during the DOT Columbus Safe Street presentation a woman from the East Side testified that while riding a bike in a bike lane she had been hit by a car in one of these mixing zones and suffered a broken arm. She said that in her opinion mixing zones should not be installed. And then last week I was saddened to read about the tragic crash on 1st Avenue and 9th Street where a cyclist was struck by a truck in a similar incident. Let us be clear, Mixing Zones are dangerous.

I ask the Transportation Committee to pass a resolution requesting DOT to study and redesign these left turn intersections to be safe for everyone. Ideas that they might consider include:

- Eliminate Mixing Zones and instead having separate designated Turning Lanes and Bike Lanes
- Continuous green painted pavement for bikes, both along curbs and across intersections from crosswalk to crosswalk
- Bollards protecting Bike Lanes from Motor Vehicles
- Shorter radius turns causing motor vehicles to turn more slowly

Thank you.

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