

Details of the Traffic Situation Meeting (25.4.16)

The JFKS Traffic Committee submitted a list of precautions to the officers of the city traffic control to keep children safe on their way to school and ease the flow of traffic on Teltower Damm. Here's the good news: the drop Off/Pick Up zones have been agreed upon and should be in place before the beginning of next school year. We're also hoping for a clearer marking of the bike lane on Teltower Damm to ensure that cars pay attention to it (and stop driving over it). Now the "harsh" news, which all of us know is nothing new: the police is adamant that drivers behavior NEEDS to change. We have already seen progress, but what we all observed on the street again on Monday 25 April was appalling. Many U-turns are done at the ramps, some of them clearly over the solid white lines, most of them using the bike lane. Cars cross the bike lane and demand politeness of other car drivers to reintegrate into the traffic flow. U- turns create escalating complex situations with children and bikers in the middle of it. Many stops/parking on no stopping zones, sometimes right under the road sign that forbids it!

There are definitely enough road signs to understand that no stop is allowed and we need to continue our work to change behaviors. It was quite embarrassing to hear the police wonder why drivers keep stopping in front of the ramp, blocking the road and putting in danger walkers, kids and bikers, when there are always parking spaces available in the middle in between the 2 ramps. Let's all remember that our kids can walk! The prospective Drop-Off zones will be on both sides of Teltower Damm, details are being worked out now. A complete article will come out in the Parent Newsletter and in the meantime, we will continue to be on the street, to communicate with the whole community, and to stay as positive as ever to make things evolve in the right direction. Thank you to all who are already paying more attention to existing traffic rules, Please all do your part! No Creative Driving!

