

PARKING LOT DESIGN

Expert Investigates Pedestrian Death

A woman was walking toward a busy donut shop in a parking lot, when she was struck and killed by a vehicle driven by a person who had visited the same location every day for more than a year and was very familiar with the layout of the parking lot.

A Robson Forensic architect investigated the design and maintenance of the lot and determined that the parking lot lacked reasonable pedestrian and vehicle controls. The parking lot created dangerous traffic flows that created conflicts of vehicles with pedestrians.

Counter-clockwise flows in the parking lot were created by two fast food restaurants, both with take-out windows, sharing portions of the same lot. Vehicles routinely unexpectedly changed direction within large unregulated areas of the parking lot, which permitted complete U-turns in a single motion. Vehicles entering from the public roadway were able to enter the lot at a high rate of speed. No signage, pavement markings or traffic calming devices were provided to control the movement of vehicles entering and those in open areas of pavement.

Our architect identified that the parking lot did not meet reasonable safety standards and was dangerous in a manner that caused the woman's death. The case settled favorably for our client.

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