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Friday's fatal crash in the Back Bay marked the latest local case in which a cyclist died after colliding with a large vehicle.

Bike safety advocates say that a large percentage of cyclist fatalities in the area involve such collisions. Because of their size, trucks and buses are more likely to cause injury, their drivers cannot see their surroundings as well, and they sometimes need to make wide turns that others on the road might not be expecting.

The advocates say they hope state and federal officials will follow the lead of the City of Boston, which recently began requiring large, city-contracted vehicles to install barriers to prevent people from sliding underneath; mirrors to improve drivers' visibility; and blind-spot awareness decals.

At the time the city instituted the new rules in October, it said 11 cyclists had been killed in traffic accidents in Boston dating back to 2010, and seven of the deaths came after bikers collided with either a truck or a bus.

Here is a list of some of the most recent cases of bike-truck

fatalities in the Boston area:



Bicyclist struck, killed in Back Bay

The death of a cyclist Friday struck there by a truck has become the latest in a string of accidents at the busy intersection.

Intersection is well-known danger zone

Photos: Scene of accident

Graphic: Bicycle crashes in Mass.

- In June, a 13-year-old boy died when his bicycle collided with a school bus in Mansfield.
- In March, a 65-year-old woman died after she was hit by a dump truck as she rode her bicycle in Cambridge.
- In April 2014, a 30-year-old man died when he was struck by a truck that was turning at a Charlestown intersection.
- In May 2013, a 36-year-old MIT scientist near Kenmore Square died when a large truck collided with her bicycle near Kenmore Square.
- In December 2012, a 23-year-old BU student was killed on Commonwealth Avenue in Allston when his bicycle collided with a tractor-trailer as it was turning.

- In Nov. 2012, a 21-year-old BU student died after his bicycle collided with an MBTA bus at Harvard and Brighton avenues in Allston.
- In December 2011, a 23-year-old MIT alumnus died when his bicycle collided with a large truck at a Cambridge intersection.
- In April 2010, a 22-year-old Wentworth Institute of Technology student died when he collided with an MBTA bus while riding a bike on Huntington Avenue in Mission Hill.

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