

Dear Mayor Guthrie and Members of Council,

My family is a year round cycling family. My child rides to elementary school. My husband rides to work, and when I'm not doing the morning and after school pick ups I ride to work too - across wards 2, 3 and 5.

We have one car. Which reduces congestion on streets and parking- among other benefits.

We all ride knowing that cars are an ever present danger to our safety. Not plowing the bike lanes means putting us directly in the path of a significant number of unobservant, distracted, self focused risk-takers, who certainly don't suffer the same consequences as those not in a car.

Installing dedicated bike lanes makes travel safer, and as these networks of safe routes connect (!! ) and grow, more people will use them.

Installing and then not supporting these lanes shows a flip flop in the attitude of council towards strengthening these networks and gives very vocal naysayers fuel for their fire. Besides that, it just doesn't make sense.

I know that there's a delicate balance to maintain, and budgets can only go so far. But I hope there is an opportunity to look again at making sure priority transportation routes are maintained.

Thanks kindly,  
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