

Thank you,
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I'm writing to provide written feedback about the Market Street bicycle lanes, which is on the August 10th agenda. I'm unable to attend the meeting on the 10th but hope that my public comment will be shared with committee members.

I live on 14th and Mississippi, and use Market Street almost daily. At this time next year, my son will begin middle school at Lincoln Middle and I've had to seriously consider whether to allow him to bike to school. At this time, the answer is no, due mostly to the congested and unsafe riding conditions on Market Street, which otherwise provides a straight shot between our house and the school. A painted bike lane won't change this situation.

I've seen presentations about protected bike lanes, with physical barriers between car traffic and pedestrian/bicycle traffic, and I would like to advocate for this on Market Street. I've seen and used these in construction zones, when temporary cement barricades have been put into place to protect the sidewalk from traffic, and find them to be useful and reassuring. If there is a way to provide something like this permanently on Market Street, I encourage you to prioritize it as a matter of safety for our community's children and as a demonstration of commitment to the city's climate goals.

Thank you,
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