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\$1.2 million is a completely absurd amount of money to spend on a street which is already extremely low-traffic and accessible by bicyclists of all skill levels.

As with the 2nd Street cycle track, which was approved only after ~40 minutes of debate and interrogation of city staff in the Council meeting (meaning there was no time for public comment on those details), without a highly specific map of precisely what will be installed where and what changes will be made, neither the Bike-Ped Committee, Council, nor the general public can even start to comment, much less make an informed decision on this. Before this debt is approved, the Council should at least require due diligence of including the plan in the Legistar file where they can be assessed by the public. If that would mean splitting this project into a design phase and then a separate resolution to approve funding for construction, then please do that.

King Street should be considered an extremely low priority for bike-ped upgrades in comparison to more important projects such as removing the trip hazards that have been installed at crosswalks all over downtown this year, fixing the gravel pit in the marsh, adding a connection to the trail from the south-west corner of the Copeland Ave bridge by City Hall, adding paint and signs at the end of multiple bike lanes to direct cyclists away so they aren't unceremoniously dumped into traffic, etc.

\$1.2 million would be enough to house every single homeless person in the city for a year, upgrade the MTU to 24/7 service, or hire almost six city administrators.

Please do not approve this expenditure, at least not without thorough design documents being added to the Legistar file with enough time for public comment.

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