

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Suzanne Deaderick ~~[redacted]~~
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 8:22 AM
To: John Sheffield
Cc: Kathryn Anderson; Pemberton email Pemberton email
Subject: Re: [Phna] bike lanes in pemberton

Ditto what John has said about bike lanes on Northwood, but for Harris Blvd. as well. I have sent my opposition to Paul G.

Harris is in grave danger of turning into the next Exposition Blvd. or Shoal Creek Blvd. Many bikers already run the stop signs on Harris, and a bike lane will only encourage that.

Paul's email is paul.digiuseppe@ci.austin.tx.us and he needs to hear from all of us. Please take a minute to let him know we want Pemberton to stay the way it is.

Suzanne Deaderick
 Historic Research & Representation

477-2929 (h), 923-1414 (c)
~~[redacted]~~

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On Mar 17, 2010, at 5:55 PM, John Sheffield wrote:

Kathryn,

I sent to Paul my strong opposition to the proposed bike lanes on Northwood Rd for 3 reasons:

- 1) I don't think any of us think the big bold white lane paint does anything good for aesthetics on our neighborhood streets,
- 2) parking on both sides of the street is the only thing that effectively slows car traffic on Northwood and therefore eliminating it would make Northwood a permanent two lane highway, and
- 3) the City has already effectively created a City-wide "virtual bike lane" with their 3 foot rule, so some big ugly paint job and reduced parking is not necessary to protect bike rights.

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The flyer indicated, among other issues, the fear of excessive out-of-neighborhood bikers cutting thru. Actually, I doubt the bike lanes would be used much at all, except for creating an unimpeded highway for cars to speed thru faster than before.

That's my opinion and has been registered with Paul at the City (who is quite helpful by the way on several other issues). Paul said that he would be discussing those concerns with others on the Bicycle Program to see how these concerns could be addressed.

John Sheffield
1305 Northwood

On Wed, Mar 17, 2010 at 5:20 PM, Kathryn Anderson <zjmiller@austin.rr.com> wrote:

A 4 page flier about bike lanes, and written by 2 neighbors, was delivered to our home today. If you received a flier, and have an opinion about it, I would be interested to know your thoughts.

Kathryn on Preston

Kathryn Anderson Tutoring
All subjects - Elementary and Middle School
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ISEE preparation in math
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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Alison Davis Frey [afrey@pirkeybarber.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 10:21 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike Lanes Planned for Pemberton Heights

Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I have recently learned about the plan to install extensive bike lanes through the neighborhood streets of Pemberton Heights and Brykerwoods. I live on Gaston Ave., one of the streets targeted for this project. I would like to voice my extreme concern and disappointment over this plan. The result of your plan would negatively impact our neighborhood, lowering property values, making life extremely inconvenient for the residents, and increasing the danger for pedestrians, particularly those with small children.

Our neighborhood streets are crowded enough with cars, buses, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Encouraging more bicycle traffic would only increase the danger for residents who try to use the streets of our neighborhood to stroll our children, teach them to ride bikes, walk our dogs, and play ball. My experience with serious bikers going through our neighborhood has been that they are inconsiderate of non-bikers, both pedestrians and cars.

If on street parking were prohibited, it would make it extremely inconvenient for visitors and service providers trying to access a house on a street with a bike lane. This plan would effectively take away the right and ability of the residents to utilize and enjoy their homes and property in favor of an effort that benefits very few, non-residents. Of the bike lanes I have already seen installed in West Austin (Exposition Blvd., for example) the use is minimal and seems limited to recreational bikers, not individuals choosing to bike to work over drive. There are many places in Austin for people to bike recreationally. Our neighborhood does not need to be one of them. In fact, there are plenty of bike lanes already in the immediate area – all around our neighborhood, not to mention, the hike and bike trail that runs along Lamar.

Police records indicate that there has not been one accident involving a bicyclist in our neighborhood in the last six years. Therefore, there cannot possibly exist justification for (1) spending the funds to put in the proposed lanes and (2) taking the enjoyment of our neighborhood away from the residents.

Finally, I find it very frustrating that we had to wait months and months for the City to repair our road after tearing it up in the course of a water project because it ran out of money to finish (\$2000 short), yet the City can find money to install bike lanes that no one wants throughout our entire neighborhood. Not only is this project undesirable, but it seems ill-conceived and irresponsible as well.

I urge you to reconsider this project, giving due respect and consideration to the opinions of the residents of the neighborhoods in effects.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please feel free to contact me at the number provided below if you would like to discuss this further.

Alison Davis Frey
Pirkey Barber L.L.P.
512.482.5236

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Tony Kayser [tonykayser@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 9:33 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Pemberton Bike Lanes
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Paul,

Thanks for your time. I'm writing to you to voice my opposition to some of the proposed bikes lane for Pemberton Heights, especially on Northwood Rd and 29th.

These streets are cut-thru streets for cars and the only thing slowing these cars down is the presence of parked cars. If parking is restricted on these streets, it will make them that more appealing for vehicular traffic. Plus, with some of the displaced parked cars going to other streets, those streets (such as Westover and Mohle) will be less appealing for vehicular traffic. I fear that Northwood and 29th will become busy speedways (they already are at times).

Honestly, I don't think what bike traffic we have now is that inconvenienced or in danger due to the absence of bike lanes. A flyer was dropped off at my door today indicating that there were no reported accidents in a recent 6 year period.

Please keep these points in mind when plans are formed and decisions are made. Thanks!

Tony Kayser
1410 Northwood Rd.

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Eleanor Chote [~~chote1512@gmail.com~~]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 7:59 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike Proposals for Pemberton Heights

Sir,

We are opposed to the plan and think it is not needed. We have had no bicycle injuries or incidences in our neighborhood in a number of years. Many of us in the neighborhood are bike riders ourselves and we are all very careful when bicyclists are spotted. Please **DO NOT** consider the loud voices of a few who thought this might be good when there is a large majority on both busy streets and side streets in Pemberton Heights who are quieter but do not want any additional bike lanes in our area.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dick and Eleanor Chote
Preston Avenue

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Carolyn Beynon [carolynbeynon@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 7:30 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Proposed bike lanes on Harris Blvd.

Dear Mr. Diguseppe:

Please record my opposition to bike lanes on Harris Blvd. I live on Harris and observe daily the commuter and professional bikers that do not stop at our stop signs.

I love to ride bikes but I do not think it is fair to take this area from each homeowner and neighbor and restrict it to bikes. I think it causes a great inconvenience that comes with the loss of unrestricted on-street parking.

We have a lot of elderly people living in the area and they travel at a different speed and alertness. Bike lanes would be a problem for them.

Please count me as opposed.

Carolyn Beynon
2534 Harris Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78703

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: susan pascoe [mailto:sascoe@grandcentral.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 6:51 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: RE: Bicycle lanes question

Thanks Paul. I also spoke with Annick and she related the meeting in which these were requested. I may have missed that one...and many Pemberton residents probably did as well.

If you want to add me to the count – I am in favor of the bike routes.

Susan

From: DiGiuseppe, Paul [mailto:Paul.DiGiuseppe@ci.austin.tx.us]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 4:06 PM
To: susan pascoe
Subject: RE: Bicycle lanes question

Hi Susan:

I'm sorry this has taken so long but I was out for a few days, had to input the feedback from the Open House, and respond to lots of e-mails (primarily in regards to the Bike Lane proposal on Harris). The map provided in the draft chapter of the neighborhood plan shows that Jefferson, Windsor, and 35th/38th were part of identified as part of the 1998 Bike Master Plan. You are correct that the other bike lane requests were made by stakeholders during our planning process, including the request on Harris Boulevard. I'll be working with Annick Beaudet to update this map to reflect the 2009 Updated Bike Master Plan.

I hope you are well.

Paul
 Paul DiGiuseppe, Principal Planner
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From: susan pascoe [mailto:sascoe@grandcentral.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 4:49 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bicycle lanes question

Hi Paul,

Bill Rose called me about the bicycle lanes in Pemberton. He said he spoke with you as well. I would appreciate your help on this. I know I missed some meetings, but I honestly do not remember much discussion about bicycle lanes.

I see the one on Jefferson that is part of the bike master plan. On the other requested lanes, were those requested by workshop participants? I presume so, but I need to confirm.

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Clay C. Duckworth [~~clay@duckworthproperties.com~~]

Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 6:00 PM

To: DiGiuseppe, Paul

Subject: Harris Blvd Bike Lanes

Paul,

Please note that my wife and I are strongly against the application of bike lanes on our street. We live at 2414 Harris Blvd and my contact information is below.

Regards,

Clay Duckworth

Duckworth Properties

512-771-9808 phone

512-697-0099 fax

~~clay@duckworthproperties.com~~

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Susan Morehead [skmorehead@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 4:58 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: proposed bike lanes on Harris Blvd

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I understand that you are the person to whom comments should be directed from our neighborhood, Pemberton Heights, regarding the proposal of bike lanes. I have lived on Harris Boulevard in the same house since February 1971. My children grew up here, and the next generation (we have 8 grandchildren ranging from one to 23 years) is spending a lot of time here as well. When they come for a family dinner, they represent five families in addition to our own, each driving their own family car (and each car has a minimum of two, often four, sometimes more people). In addition, my father and sister from San Antonio often join us, bringing at least one additional car. If we have no parking rights on our street, parking will become a large problem: my 90 year old father shouldn't have to walk a block or two to get to my house, and neither should my children's families with small children who often bring their "other" grandmothers and great-grandmothers, too.

I support biking and was instrumental in the 1970s in getting more and better hike and bike trails funded and built by the city. But I cannot support bike lanes that restrict parking on my street. Our neighborhood has just added additional stop signs on Harris Blvd. to calm speeding traffic, and I know how useful parked cars are for the same problem. Traffic here has already slowed, so bikers should not be in danger when riding here without bike lanes. I know of no bike accidents on Harris Blvd in the time I have lived here.

Please do not restrict parking on Harris Boulevard.

Sincerely,
Susan Morehead
2508 Harris Blvd.
Austin 78703
512 476-5703 home
512 762-3412 cell

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: ~~karen@utahns.com~~
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 10:43 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Proposed bike lanes in Pemberton Heights neighborhood

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

As homeowners at 2618 Jefferson St. we would like to oppose many of the proposed bike lanes through the Pemberton Heights neighborhood. Our neighborhood is already overburdened with automobile cut-through traffic.

They speed down Jefferson between Hartford and 29th St. The addition of bike lanes would increase further cut through traffic in the form of bicycles in addition to cars in an area that already experiences vehicular cut through traffic. My experience is that many bicycle commuters do not obey the traffic laws any better than automobile drivers obey the speed limits. It could also possibly diminish on street parking by residents and their guests. This would diminish property values and burden side streets with vehicle parking and also require more pedestrians to cross an already busy street.

While I appreciate the need for safe bicycle routes I do not feel that Jefferson St. between Elridge and 29th st. to be an appropriate route. The studies of bicycle safety in the Pemberton Heights neighborhood show no accidents involving a bicycle from 2002-2007. Since then the speed limit was reduced to 25 MPH and 20 new stop signs have been installed. This should have made the neighborhood even safer for all.

However, there is only one stop sign on Hartford past the Mopac feeder where it merges with Jefferson St. The vehicular cut through traffic from Windsor to 29th St. is very high and often with high speeds. I know as I walk almost daily and try to flag speeders when I am trying to cross the street to other neighborhood streets.

As an owner of a real estate company in the UT area and very familiar with vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic I know the difficulties the city faces in balancing the need for protecting all and promoting more usage of bicycles. However, we strongly oppose many of the proposed bike lanes in the Pemberton Heights area as it home to many families that walk strollers, dogs, jog and also enjoy pleasant bike riding. It is not for commuter cut through traffic.

Respectfully yours,

Karen and Lane Orsak

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<http://link.mail2web.com/LIVE>

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Robert Peeler [mailto:robert@robertpeeler.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 8:51 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Pemberton Heights Bike Lanes

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I would like to express my opposition to the bike lanes that have been proposed in addition to the recommended bike lanes per the Bike Master Plan, I have no problem with the current Bike Master Plan.

-First as the owner of house at the Corner of Gaston & Harris at 1501 Gaston (I also have a rental property at 1601 Westover), this would dramatically change the look, feel and aesthetics of the neighborhood. Additionally it would significantly restrict the parking on Harris and Gaston and directly effect the use and enjoyment of my property. As these streets are already what I would consider narrow for two cars to safely pass in many places, this would decrease safety for all on the road not increase it. I also I feel this negatively effects my property value.

-I also have concern as to how beneficial such drastic changes will be to the safety of bicyclists. Recently our neighborhood not only lowered the speed limit to 25 MPH but has added several stopsigns. I am not aware of any major accidents involving bikers in this area in recent years. I just don't see the added safety benefit when there doesn't appear to be a need for added protections as I see many bikers already using the roads around here without issue. Also I would argue that the recent City ordinance creates de facto bike lanes on all city streets.

-another consideration would be how a bike lane would be implemented on Harris and be able to co-exist with the current city bus route.

I appreciate your willingness to accept comments on this issue that is very important to this neighborhood and I look forward to hearing about what the next steps might be in this process.

Thanks

Robert Peeler
5126586889

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Jenny Johnson [~~j.johnson@pemberton.net~~]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 7:49 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike lane in pemberton heights

I have not seen the flyer about the bike lane on northwood, and I am out of town. I live in pemberton. I oppose restricting parking along northwood by northwood residents, as it does really slow down the traffic. I agree with some that think you could add the bike lane and create a street where no one wants to bike, due to increased car traffic. I walk the area for 4 hours per week on average, and drive 29th, northwood, and the shoalcreek gaston intersection.

Thank you for your consideration, and tolerating my email from my phone.

Jenny Johnson
~~J.johnson@pemberton.net~~
512-771-8385

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: DDD [~~ddurst@durstbotkin.com~~]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 5:59 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike Lanes on Northwood Road

Mr. DiGiuseppe --

I would like to write to express my concern about bike lanes being added on Northwood Road. We already have a terrible traffic problem with cars speeding by, and the rumor is that we will no longer be able to park on the street if bike lanes are added. Since traffic calming was put to a "neighborhood vote" and all the neighbors on streets that are not now bedeviled by traffic voted "no" (in fear of their property values being lowered somehow) parking cars on the street is our only way to slow down the traffic. If the city is going to direct all this traffic down our historic residential street, is there is some plan to slow it down and not speed it up? There are two blocks before drivers reach a stop sign on Northwood. Drivers have a long distance to reach a high speed -- people go 50 mph before slowing down. Adding bikes to the mix seems like a bad idea for the bikes as well as the residents. I know a stop sign at Kerbey and Northwood is never been on the table, but something needs to be done. I worry about my two small children being hit by a car. Thanks for your time.

Desiree Durst Botkin
1606 Northwood Road
708-1088

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Elizabeth Cash [mailto:~~ecac@ctw.com~~]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 2:55 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: RE: CWANPA question

Paul,
Thank you for this information. You can add me to the list of folks who support bike lanes in Pemberton. If you will send me the follow-up information, I will get it posted on our listserv.
I hope you are well also.
Thanks again,
Elizabeth

>>> "DiGiuseppe, Paul" <Paul.DiGiuseppe@ci.austin.tx.us> 3/17/2010 2:50
>>> PM >>>
Hi Elizabeth:

Thank you for your e-mail. I've been receiving the same e-mails. In response, I will be meeting with Annick Beaudet on Monday to discuss and get responses back to those who raise this concern. This meeting will help to determine the appropriate way to address this issue through the neighborhood planning process. I have also received a some e-mails supporting the bike lanes.

If people have concerns, they should address them to me. It is always appropriate to send to Planning Commission and City Council as well. I had set March 19 as the deadline for comments on the plan. However, as I'm in the process of setting the dates for Planning Commission and City Council, I need to see if I can extend the comment period. In any event, I know (and have recorded) there are concerns over bike lanes on Northwood and Harris.

I will get back with you next week.

I hope you are well.

Paul

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-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Cash [mailto:eac@ctw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 9:54 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: CWANPA question

Hi Paul,
A couple of neighbors in Pemberton are handing out flyers telling people that the possible bike lane along Harris Blvd may mean the end of on-street parking and they are asking people to write city council to oppose this. Can you tell me:
* is it true that a bike lane in the neighborhood means no on-street parking, or can you remind me who the nice lady was who came to speak to about bike issues was so I can ask her
* considering where we are in the process, should people address

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concerns to you or the city council or either/both
* what is the deadline to get comments in?
Thank you!
--Elizabeth Cash

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Elizabeth Cash [~~cash@city.com~~]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 9:54 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: CWANPA question

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* what is the deadline to get comments in?

Thank you!

--Elizabeth Cash

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: chela abdallah [~~chabdallah22@gmail.com~~]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 3:06 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: bicycle lanes

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I'm writing you to express my concern over the proposed bike lane on Harris Blvd. I live at the already overburdened corner of Harris and Windsor. Creating a bicycle lane on Harris will exacerbate the problem of cut-through traffic that is already threatening our neighborhood's safety and character. Enabling cyclists to use Harris as a cut-through will serve only to make the situation more dangerous for pedestrians and people who actually reside in this neighborhood. While there is a need for safe access across Mopac, the recommended bike lane at Northwood and Mopac would take care of that issue. Additionally, it is already nearly impossible for me or my visitors park in front of my own house because of the high volume of traffic. My car has even been sideswiped while parked in front of my neighbor's house. Bicycle lanes would further eliminate safe on-street parking. Harris Boulevard is one of Austin's oldest neighborhood streets, one with historical significance to our city. Please help us preserve the character and safety of this neighborhood street and one of Austin's old neighborhoods. I respectfully request that Harris Boulevard be dropped from the list of streets to receive bicycle lanes.

Sincerely,
Chela Abdallah
2400 Harris Blvd

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: ~~kinney@harrisblvd.com~~ on behalf of Michelle W. Kinney [~~Michelle@KinneyFamily.net~~]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 10:04 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike Lanes (on HARRIS BLVD)

Dear Paul,

I am for the bike lanes. I think it will help cars be more aware of cyclists as they will know that there is a lane and hopefully remind them to share the road. And vice-versa for the cyclists.

I had to laugh at concerns of "non-neighborhood" bicyclists cutting through the neighborhood. It would be great if more people got on their bikes and out of their cars. Another concern I heard was that implementing bike lanes would put our "on-street" parking at risk. That would also be great as this neighborhood could use a little less "ON-STREET" parking!

I know the neighborhood rejected speed bumps (I did not live here then), but what about radar enabled speed feed-back signs on Harris? i.e. The signs that indicate how fast your car is traveling and flashes a warning if you are speeding. We have looked into these and they cost approximately \$3,000 per sign. Studies show they are very effective.

This street has become a speedway even with all the on-street parking. It is amazing to me how fast people drive on this street.

Thanks for your work on this.

--
 Michelle W. Kinney
~~Michelle@KinneyFamily.net~~

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 Austin, TX 78703
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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Carol Johnson [ekjaustin@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 10:10 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Against Bike Lane on Northwood Road

Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I live at 1611 Northwood Road and have heard that the City of Austin is considering putting a bike lane on Northwood Road. We have asked for traffic calming on Northwood, as cars speed between MOPAC and Wooldridge on their way to the University of Texas or Lamar Blvd. As this has not been granted, the only calming we have is cars parked on either side of the road. A bike lane would not only inhibit our parking access, but would cause the road to become an dangerous thoroughfare for speeding cars. Thank you for your work on this. Please do NOT recommend Northwood Road have a bike lane.
Carol Johnson

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: stevec [stevec@io.com]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 8:55 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Harris Blvd. Bike Lanes

Dear Paul,

I received a flier at my house today concerning the "Central West Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan" and its proposal to put bike lanes on Harris Blvd and in other locations in the Bryker Woods neighborhood. The flier was encouraging residents to oppose the bike lanes because they might put "our on-street parking at risk."

I want to let you know, that as a longtime resident (20 years) of Harris Blvd. and Bryker Woods, I would **strongly** support bicycle lanes on Harris and throughout the neighborhood. Harris Blvd. is a perfect street for bicycle traffic, and by combining it with other streets such as Windsor, Blanco, Jefferson, Bull Creek and Shoal Creek, it makes a great (and safe) thoroughfare for cyclists to avoid more dangerous corridors such as Lamar and Burnet.

To the extent that my individual opinion matters, I wanted to be sure you were aware of it. Feel free to contact me should you want any additional information.

Sincerely,

Steve Cochran
3105 Harris Blvd.
stevec@io.com

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: James Damon [jamesmdamon@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 6:40 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: RE: bike lanes

Dear Paul,

I am forwarding this message at the suggestion of Laura Sharp.

Regards, jmd

--- On Mon, 3/15/10, Laura Sharp <laura@sharpfirm.com> wrote:

From: Laura Sharp <laura@sharpfirm.com>
Subject: RE: bike lanes
To: "James Damon" <jamesmdamon@yahoo.com>
Date: Monday, March 15, 2010, 2:37 PM

James, you need to express your opinion to Paul at the city. I don't currently have the time to devote to this. I think that if he gets multiple requests that it will help.

Laura Bellegie Sharp

The Sharp Firm

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laura@sharpfirm.com

From: James Damon [mailto:jamesmdamon@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 11:40 AM
To: Laura Sharp; tim@drgainc.com
Subject: RE: bike lanes

Thanks for this message and your vigilance, Laura and Tim.

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The issue of bicycle lanes on Northwood Road seems rather insignificant because bicyclists going east or west who are familiar with the neighborhood use Westover or Mohle in order to avoid the traffic on Northwood.

That traffic is the problem!

Since Mopac was built, Northwood has turned into a rush-hour racetrack. The commuters on Northwood between Mopac and the intersection at Lamar and 29th Street try to get ahead of the commuters on 29th Street between Mopac and the Lamar intersection.

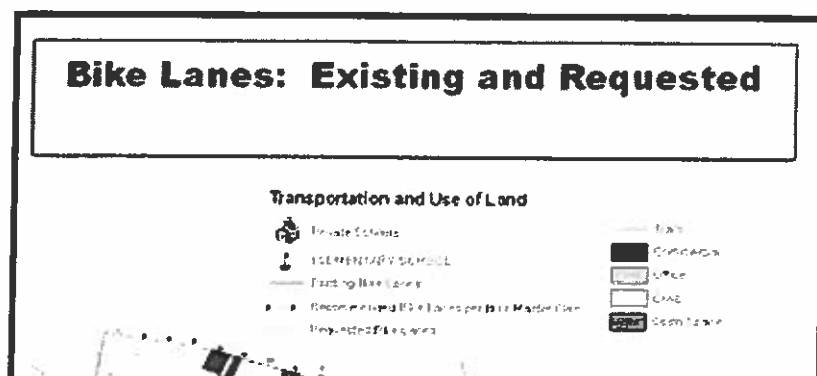
We agree that it is very important that we be allowed to park on both sides of Northwood, for all the reasons you stated.

Keep up the good work and keep us informed!

James and Johanna Damon
1600 Northwood
(Since 1966)

--- On Mon, 3/15/10, Tim Smith, P.E. <tim@drgainc.com> wrote:

From: Tim Smith, P.E. <tim@drgainc.com>
Subject: RE: bike lanes
To: "Laura Sharp" <laura@sharpfirm.com>, "Carol Johnson" <carol.johnson@chicagogsb.edu>, "Casey Dobson" <cdobson@scottdoug.com>, "Charles Loeffler" <chas-loeffler@austin.rr.com>, "Charlie Quisenberry" <charliequiz@cousinsproperty.com>, "Desiree Durst" <dddurst@austin.rr.com>, "Erica Laughlin" <Ericalaugh@aol.com>, "Jack Stick" <jstick@austin.rr.com>, "James Damon" <jamesmdamon@yahoo.com>, "Lee Carnes" <leemcarnes@yahoo.com>, "Mike Panozzo" <mike_panozzo@yahoo.com>, "Nancy & Dan Hurd" <Axioman@aol.com>, "Rebecca Kahn" <rebeccak@knotanymore.com>, "Ryan Botkin" <rbotkin@ratliffllaw.com>, "Stephen Watson" <hiwatson@earthlink.net>, "Walkboy (Walkboy)" <walkboy@io.com>
Cc: "Lance Sharp" <Lance@sharpfirm.com>, lynsmith@grandecom.net
Date: Monday, March 15, 2010, 10:34 AM



Laura, I had the same question. But I also noted that while bike lanes have been "requested" for Northwood, they are not shown as "recommended" per Bike Master Plan (see legend). How does that (lack of "recommendation") impact chances of bike lanes? I'll

email Paul.

-Tim

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Principal

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From: Laura Sharp {mailto:~~laura@sharpfirm.com~~}

Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:56 AM

To: 'Carol Johnson'; 'Casey Dobson'; 'Charles Loeffler'; 'Charlie Quisenberry'; 'Desiree Durst'; 'Erica Laughlin'; 'Jack Stick'; 'James Damon'; 'Lee Carnes'; 'Mike Panozzo'; 'Nancy & Dan Hurd'; 'Rebecca Kahn'; 'Ryan Botkin'; 'Stephen Watson'; tim@drgainc.com; 'Walkboy (Walkboy)'

Cc: 'Lance Sharp'

Subject: bike lanes

Sorry, hit send accidentally. I don't know the answer to this but I wanted you to be aware of a concern that I have and if you are concerned, email Paul.DiGiuseppe@ci.austin.tx.us at the City of Austin if you have similar issues. The new neighborhood plan currently does not have sidewalks on Northwood, but does have bike lanes. I am in favor of them as long as we are allowed to park on both sides of the street. As you are aware, the neighborhood calming project went down in flames that would have allowed speed control on Northwood. One of the positive things we have/had going for us is that cars parked on both sides is the only present deterrent to Northwood being a highway. We will not get anything else. I strongly suggest you inquire, as I have and express your desire to know if we can continue to park on both sides. In addition, for those of you that depend on parking in front of your house for guests and you own cars, think about how far away you will and your guests will have to park if this even takes up one side of Northwood.

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Stephen Thomas [~~stephen@slthomas.com~~]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 3:49 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike Lanes on Harris Blvd.

Paul,

It was a pleasure to speak with you. Per our conversation, I wanted to voice my opposition to the proposed bike lanes for Harris Blvd. (W32nd to Windsor). Thanks again for your efforts and have a great week.

Regards,

stephen thomas

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: John Sheffield [~~john.sheffield@pobox.com~~]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 2:52 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: oppose bike lanes on Northwood

Paul,

You have been helpful in listening to my traffic/speed complaints on Northwood and I appreciate that. For similar reasons of speed and volume of cars, I can not and will not support bike lanes along Northwood Rd between Wooldridge and Jefferson. At least I can not assuming the bike lanes are anything similar to that on Exposition and which would seek to eliminate parking along one or both sides of the street.

Parking on BOTH sides of the street is the ONLY thing that slows the vast amounts of speeding traffic on Northwood between Lamar and Jefferson. Eliminating parking on one side of the street would create an unimpeded 2 lane highway thru our neighborhood.

I have spoken with a few of my neighbors and based on that small yet unscientific survey believe that Northwood residents would not support such bike lanes (or anything) that limits parking on either side of the street.

Happy to hear a different side if the bike lane the group proposes differs in size or structure. I could not find a discussion of the bike lane structure.

As an aside, frankly I dont think anyone wants additional paint on the neighborhood streets in front of their house.

Besides, the City Council has already mandated a city-wide "virtual bike lane" with the 3 foot rule. This makes the painted bike lanes unnecessary in my mind. They already have it!

Thanks.

John Sheffield
1305 Northwood

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Laura Sharp [mailto:~~laura@sharpfirm.com~~]
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:47 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: bike lanes

Paul, one other request that I have, if there ends up being some signage for a bike lane on Northwood, that you put it in someone else's yard. We have 3 signs in our yard as it is, stop, bike on Jefferson and speed. Let someone else host it please.

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Teddy Kinney [~~teddykinney@stglobal.net~~]
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2010 8:07 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Cc: phna@pembertonheights.org
Subject: bike lanes on the proposal

As an enthusiastic but slightly elderly and timid bike-rider, I reviewed the bike lanes proposed for the Central Austin neighborhood plan. They look excellent to me. The one I would question is that on Lamar from 38th to Windsor. It's needed, but traffic is so heavy on Lamar that I don't think anyone who cannot ride at traffic speed should be encouraged to be in the street along there. The sidewalks are available for the rest of us who can share them with walkers, etc. In Victoria, BC, Canada, I've noticed that they often paint in the street + use signage to show bikes/cars and say "Share the road" as a way of saying that there is no specific bike lane here. I think some of that type of thing painted in the street is a good idea as often so many cars are parked along the sides of the road, no one can see signage. Particularly, a place that could use a lot of painted in the middle of the street signage is the dog park parking area leading to Gaston and the 3-way stop there – then both up and down that hill where children, strollers, scooters, etc. are in the middle of the road going fast downhill or struggling uphill and the cut through traffic to/from downtown is often speeding here and not familiar with the character of the park and hike and bike trail. Thanks for working on this project.

Teddy L. Kinney
 1010 Gaston Avenue
 Austin, Texas 78703

512/476-2805

~~TeddyKinney@SPCglobal.net~~

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Laura Sharp [~~laura@sharpfirm.com~~]
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2010 5:31 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: bike lanes

What does having bike lanes do to our street? Will we be able to park on both sides of the street? Why does Northwood show bike lanes when the aren't listed on the table? If we can't park that will make Northwood a highway.

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: ~~BRYAN_CHESTER@Dell.com~~
Sent: Friday, March 05, 2010 9:43 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: We on Harris BV are extremely opposed to your bike lane idea!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am the President of the Pemberton Neighborhood Association. Who can we send our petitions against this to?
Terrible idea!

Bryan Chester
Director, SMB S&P Americas
512.632.4788 (cell)
Please send any comments to my manager: Erik_Dithmer@Dell.com

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Bray, Rebecca [rebecca.bray@klotz.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 10:29 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Central West Austin

Hi Paul – This is Rebecca Bray and I live at 2606 Harris Blvd. I am in receipt of the flyer that was mailed out a week or so ago (I am just getting back into town so I am not sure of the exact time). Anyway, I wanted to see if I could register comments via e-mail or if I needed to come to the meeting this evening to register comments. Needless to say I am not very pleased/happy about the proposed changes. I have lived in the neighborhood for nearly 40 years so I have seen many, many changes.

First in reviewing the Draft Transportation Chapter there are a number of comments that I find very discouraging. The statement "Their frontages create semi-public spaces out of front yards, where children play and residents socialize" is very assuming. I DO NOT want people in my front yard; I want to keep as much distance between my house and the street as possible. I already have people walking their dogs letting them use my yard as their "dog park" or allowing them to chase my cats that are in my yard. My front yard is my property and should not be considered a semi-public space. I do not agree or support the construction of sidewalks along Harris Blvd or any other roadway in the area. I run and bike along these streets three or four times a week and there are not any problems/conflicts with street activity.

There is a general statement about controlling on-street parking. Many of the houses are small with impervious cover requirements, have limited driveway/on-site parking space; thus, many residents use the public streets to park their vehicles. I think limiting on-street parking is a terrible idea. There always seems to be construction going on somewhere along the street. Where will these construction vehicles park? The house across from me routinely has three to six construction vehicles out front. Is the city suggesting that these vehicles park on the side streets and inconvenience the neighbors on these streets? Also, there are people that have parties, where do these residents tell their guests to park? If the City wants to implement a permitting system such as in use around the Brykerwood area, I would be in opposition to this as well.

I also do not support the construction of bike lanes in the neighborhood. I have pretty much already stated the reason why, but in general if bike lanes go in ... on-street parking is removed. Harris and other roads are public streets. We as residents should be allowed to park out in front of our houses and/or have guests visit.

As a neighborhood resident and traffic engineer I have seen traffic patterns dramatically change with the installation of the stop signs. Drivers are now using many of the other streets (Gaston, Ethridge, Mohle...) to avoid Westover and Harris (where the stop signs are now located). The drivers (cut through or residents) are driving up the side streets at high speeds. By adding so many stop signs, it appears that the problem has just been shifted to other streets. Also a number of residents ignore the stop signs ... they do a rolling stop.

While I am not necessarily a fan of "cut through" traffic it is a fact and it will continue to happen. The city (I am not blaming anyone, it is the nature of development and growth) does not have enough N/S streets to get the traffic moving in a timely manner. This is all subjective as people want to get from point A to point B in the blink of an eye. As the city continues to develop/grow there will be more and more traffic; thus, congestion will continue to increase. I am not suggesting make Mopac a 20-lane freeway or to add lanes to any other roadways. This is just a fact that we as citizens and residents need to live with.

I appreciate you allowing me to voice my opposition to this plan as well as all your hard work (and other staff members as well) in preparing everything. I look forward to seeing what come from this.

Sincerely,
 Rebecca Bray

Rebecca A. Bray, PE, PTOE, AICP

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Suzanne Deaderick (suzanne@grandecom.net)
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2010 6:58 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Plans for Harris Blvd.

Paul,

We have lived on Harris Blvd. since 1993, and as you know, our street has become so busy over the years with all of the diverted traffic. Already, there is a bus stop in front of our house. If bike lanes are added, Harris will become another Exposition Blvd. and lose the feel, and safety, of a neighborhood street. We want traffic diverted away from Harris, not onto it.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T ADD BIKE LANES TO HARRIS BLVD.!!

Thank you,

Suzanne and David Deaderick
2502 Harris Blvd.

Suzanne Deaderick
Historic Research & Representation

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Carol Nelson [c2nelson@me.com]
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 11:09 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Sidewalks on Harris Blvd.paul.digiuseppe@ci.austin.tx.us

Dear Paul,

This email addresses my concerns about the proposal to put sidewalks on Harris Blvd. My lot on the corner of Preston & Harris is quite small, and it is already occupied with two signs. It doesn't seem fair that our city is consumed with constantly putting more and more restrictions on the perfectly nice neighborhood that has been my home for almost seventy years. Harris is too narrow for bike lanes and not nearly busy enough for all the stop signs that have already been erected. There is no reason for a relatively old Austin neighborhood to suddenly be turned over to bikers. Most neighbors rely on street parking at times, and it is a necessity that this option remains open. It seemed perfectly logical to have a sidewalk in front of our home for on Wooldridge Drive for thirty-seven years. However, the lots there are quite large, and there is plenty of room!

I feel, like many neighbors, that these things get pushed through without the those directly involved being properly notified. There seem to be many "neighborhood meetings", but the ones I've attended seldom involve anything vital to my particular neighborhood. Several meetings consisted of slide shows about zoning of Tarry Town Shopping Center, Lake Austin Blvd., Brackenridge Track, etc. The specific topics are never totally revealed before the actual meeting, and it is impossible to attend all that are held. Everyone involved in these dramatic changes should have a voice and be notified concerning the impending changes to their particular property.

A few very vocal folks seem to be leading the steam roller. Many of my neighbors and I feel these changes are not handled in a democratic manner, and we are concerned about not being directly contacted.

There are many more important things to be done before sidewalks are installed on Harris Blvd. It is my hope that these radical changes will not be implemented. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Carol Nelson

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: R&K Leck [Leck1@austin.tx.com]
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 8:16 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Sidewalks Planned for Harris Blvd.

Dear Sir,

I live at 2601 Harris Blvd. and I adamantly opposed to the creation of sidewalks on my block. This is an unnecessary expense and serves no useful purpose.

The sidewalks on the east side of Harris Blvd. are seldom used, most people use the street.

With respect to traffic calming the section between Windsor and Etheridge on Harris needs speed bumps or more stop signs. Cars coming off of Windsor and going north on Harris reach speeds close to 40 mph before Etheridge Street.

Respectfully,
Ron Leck
2601 Harris Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78703

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: wjm
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2009 12:17 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: zon

Dear Paul,

My name is Mark Waugh, owner of the Worthington Apartment Complex located at 1717 West 35th St. Austin, Texas 78703. I sent an Email to Victoria Craig back in April of this year regarding my recommendation that my property have a land use of Neighborhood Mixed Use, and ask for your support in assisting me in accomplishing this request.

My neighbor Ray Zvonek, who owns property at 1803 and 1805 West 35th Street, just forwarded your correspondence of November 5, 2009 to me today regarding the Central West Austin Neighborhood meeting that was held on November 23, 2009. Since I was unaware of the meeting, I was not able to attend.

I ask for your support in adding my property to the request of my neighbor Ray, to have my property rezoned to the original Neighborhood Mixed Used classification.

Please let me know what I need to do in assisting with this request.

Sincerely,

J. Mark Waugh

5/24/2010

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENT FORM

File # C14-2010-0051
C14-2010-0052

Planning Commission Hearing Date: May 25, 2010

Comments: high priority: sidewalk on south side of 35th St.
between Happy Hollow and Mopac frontage Rd.

You may also send your written comments to the Planning and Development Review Department, P. O. Box 1088, Austin, TX 78767-8835. Attn: Paul DiGiuseppe

Name (please print) Adrienne Inglis

Address 2502 Wooldridge Dr.

- ☒ I am in favor
(Estoy de acuerdo)
☐ I object
(No estoy de acuerdo)

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The Planning and Development Review Department has filed an application for zoning/ rezoning to implement a neighborhood plan. This notice has been mailed to you because City Ordinance requires that all property owners, registered environmental or neighborhood organizations and utility service addresses located within 500 feet of a proposed development be notified that an application for development has been filed.

This request for zoning/rezoning will be reviewed and acted upon at two public hearings: First, before the Planning Commission and then before the City Council. After a public hearing, the Planning Commission reviews and evaluates City staff recommendation and public input and then sends its own recommendation on the zoning/rezoning request to the City Council. Meeting dates and locations are shown on this notice.

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- ☐ by writing to the Planning Commission, using the form provided on the previous page
- ☐ by writing to the city contact, listed on the previous page

As a property owner or interested party within 500 feet, you are not required to attend these hearings, but if you do attend, you will be given an opportunity to speak FOR or AGAINST the change. Applicants and/or their agents are expected to attend.

You may also wish to contact any neighborhood or environmental organizations that have expressed an interest in cases affecting your neighborhood.

**RALPH W. VERTREES
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512-472-2359
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March 9, 2010

Mr. Paul DiGiuseppe,
Principal Planner
City of Austin Planning and Development Review Dept.
505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 575
Austin, Texas 78704

Re: Transportation Chapter
Central West Austin Neighborhood Plan

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

Forgive our sending these comments by "slow mail", our computer is just not working!

We have several concerns about the potential plans for Harris Boulevard. We have lived at 2525 Harris Blvd, since 1963 and we have owned the duplex at 2521 Harris Blvd., since 1968.

We would like to refer you to the letter emailed to you on February 25, 2010 by William S. Rose. Mr. Rose, who lives on Westover Road and owns property on Harris Blvd and Mrs. Carolyn Beynon, who lives on Harris Blvd., have been our neighborhood representatives since 2007. In Mr. Rose's letter, he points out that our neighborhood "turned down" the Traffic Calming Plan after extensive neighborhood/city meetings and the final vote was NO!

We are very grateful for the stop signs and speed limit signs which were installed and have been very successful on Harris Blvd.

We feel that Mr. Rose has studied our neighborhood's situation and we want to add our support to his recommendations.

Now the issue of Bike Lanes on Harris Blvd. has come up. Harris Blvd is a major north-south street through Pemberton and Brykerwoods. The street is too narrow to accommodate bike lanes, curbside parking and two lanes of traffic. We desperately need our curbside parking. In our case, we have to have round the clock caregivers for my husband. They must have a place to park while on duty. Please do not let our parking be taken away from in front of our homes.

Thank you so much for taking our comments into consideration.

Yours truly,


Martha McAdams Vertrees


Ralph W. Vertrees

Cc: Mr. William S. Rose
Mrs. Carolyn Beynon