

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Edward Tasch [~~edward@brykerwoods.org~~]
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2010 10:13 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: CWANP transportation chapter comments

Paul, I am writing to express my support for bicycle lanes as proposed for the CWANP area EAST of MOPAC (the BrykerWoods and Pemberton Heights Neighborhoods.) Note that I also happen to live on a street designated for bike lanes.

I frequently commute to work so I realize the importance of bicycle lanes. I also run and take walks in the neighborhoods and because of the cut through traffic and absence of sidewalks, bicycle lanes would make pedestrian activity much safer for both BrykerWoods and the Pemberton Heights Neighborhoods.

There are a couple of neighbors (2 that live on Harris) who are actively soliciting an "anti bicycle lane" position. Their flyer a two page manifesto was placed on my door; I am willing to guess that you have received other emails regarding this topic. Perhaps this group should be reminded that they do not own nor are they entitled to the parking in front of their homes. Furthermore, many in the neighborhood dislike on street parking.

This is the same group that opposed traffic calming and sidewalks. The fear mongering is primarily based on a potential drop of property values associated with the installation of bike lanes. I disagree. Contemporary buyers are looking for neighborhoods that are pedestrian friendly. Bicycle lanes will make pedestrian activity much safer for both BrykerWoods and the Pemberton Heights Neighborhoods. Therefore improving not only the neighborhood quality of life but also the coveted values of neighborhood property.

Best Regards,
Edward A. Tasch
voice/fax 512.478.1337
<http://www.BrykerWoods.org>

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: ~~bloughlin@highfive.com~~
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2010 8:48 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike Lanes in Pemberton

Paul -

Please, no additional bike lanes in Pemberton Heights. The area has plenty of traffic calming features now, and no bike accidents have occurred that I know of since I moved here 15 years ago. I am afraid additional bike lanes will result in additional cut through traffic, and severely overcrowd the neighborhood. We're having enough bike traffic as it is, and I can promise they nearly all run on a regular basis, the stop sign on my corner at Gaston.

Thank you.

Brad Laughlin
2615 Harris Blvd.
Austin, TX 78703
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Email: ~~bloughlin@highfive.com~~

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Mark Rodman [~~Mark.Rodman@PCATVROOM~~]
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2010 3:31 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Cc: Martine Rodman
Subject: Bike lane proposal for Pemberton Heights neighborhood
Importance: High

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I wish to go on record as opposing the Transportation Chapter of the Final Draft of the West Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan as it pertains to bike lanes planned for my neighborhood and street.

The additional traffic and loss of on-street parking is inconvenient, a drag on home values, and unnecessary with the existence of the bike paths and sidewalks along and in Shoal Creek Park.

This is an unhelpful and unacceptable solution to a problem that, in my opinion, does not exist.

Thank you.

Mark Rodman
1110 Claire Ave

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Volpe [austintexas@swbell.net]
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2010 1:10 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul; Pemberton Heights
Subject: Pemberton Bike Lanes

If bikers were held to the same standard as motorists, I wouldn't object to bike lanes in Pemberton. But they run stop signs with abandon, and there's no way to identify them and report them as they aren't required to buy and display licenses on the bikes. Police have too much to do to monitor this, and I'm not even sure there's a law against not following the rules of the road when you're on two wheels. We don't want to invite more bicyclists than we have already who scare the pants off us by whizzing through intersections after we've waited our turn. And the multiple lines, pictures, etc. on the streets such as Exposition have the northbound cars driving on the left side of center!

Therefore, I object to any changes in the Pemberton neighborhood regarding bike lanes.

Thanks.

Joe & Rita Volpe
austintexas@swbell.net

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Molly Dougherty [~~mollydougherty7@gmail.com~~]
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2010 9:15 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: bicycle lanes in Pemberton Heights

Hi. Paul,

I live on Claire Avenue. In general I am in favor of bike lanes, but they don't make sense in our neighborhood. Bikes use our neighborhood quite safely all the time without the need for special lanes. Why do they need special lanes when the way it is now works fine?

And I agree with the people who have concerns about Northwood, that bike lanes there would make an already bad traffic situation worse for everyone.

Thank you,
Molly Dougherty
1100 Claire Avenue
476-1608

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Golden, Martha [Martha.Golden@bmc.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2010 8:45 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bicycle Lanes in Pemberton/Brykerwood

We have been informed that the city is considering putting bicycle lanes in the Pemberton/Brykerwoods area. We would like to inform you that we are very opposed to this idea and hope that you will not add bicycle lanes to this area.

We believe that this area should be kept a 'neighborhood' and not a thoroughfare for those wanting to get to the University. We do not want to encourage any more 'cut through' traffic for cars or bicycles.

Further, the streets in this area are very narrow and adding a bicycle lane would keep two cars from passing each other. Also, the streets are graded at such a slant, that the bicycle lanes would not be usable. I have walked this neighborhood many times and the area next to the curb is very slanted.

Thanks for your consideration,
Martha and Allen Golden
1313 Westover Rd.
Austin, TX 78703
477-8696

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Jenny Johnson [~~jinnajohn@pemberton.net~~]
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2010 1:56 PM
To: Volpe
Cc: DiGiuseppe, Paul; Pemberton Heights
Subject: Re: [Phna] Pemberton Bike Lanes

It's noteworthy when I stop at a stop sign, right turn indicator flashing, and as I proceed to turn, a cyclist that I did not see passes me on the right, and runs the stop sign. It's hard to anticipate cyclists who are breaking the law so many different ways. Yes, it is illegal to blow stop signs on a bike.

Jenny Johnson

On Mar 20, 2010, at 12:09 PM, "Volpe" <austintexas@swbell.net> wrote:

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Thanks.

Joe & Rita Volpe

~~austintexas@swbell.net~~

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Ralph Vertrees [rvertrees@austin.tn.com]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 11:01 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: HARRIS BLVD. BIKE LANES

March 19, 2010

From: Ralph W. Vertrees
Martha McAdams Vertrees
2525 Harris Blvd.
Austin, Texas 78703
512-472-2359

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

Re: Pemberton Heights
The Draft Plan--Transportation Chapter

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

We are, Ralph and Martha Vertrees. We have owned and lived at 2525 Harris Blvd. since 1963 and we have owned and have had tenants at 2521 Harris Blvd. since 1968.

We are opposed to Bike Lanes on Harris Blvd.

Harris Blvd. is a very busy street. Traffic cuts through our neighborhood to avoid the congestion of MOPAC. The cars parked at curbside actually act to slow that traffic down. The new stops signs and speed limit signs installed last year have done "wonders" to help the situation on Harris Blvd. But it is common knowledge that quite often, bike riders do not observe these stop signs!

Again, my husband and I want you to know how important it is to us, as property owners, to have our curb side parking in front of our home. My husband has Parkinsons and requires care in our home 24 hours, 7 days every week. Our caregivers need to park in front of our home 24 hours each day.

We also invite guests quite often to visit us. Since my husband has extreme difficulty in leaving out home, our friends are kind enough to come to see us. Where would they park if we are denied our curbside parking in front of our home?

Please take our comments into consideration when you are reviewing our neighborhood planning.

Yours truly,

Martha McAdams Vertrees

Ralph W. Vertrees

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

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Robert Chesney [mailto:~~rchesney@law.stetson.edu~~]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 9:30 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: one more email opposing bicycle lanes for Pemberton

Hi Paul,

Just a quick note to add to the ranks of Pemberton residents opposed to the addition of new bike lanes in Pemberton, or any other measure that would increase traffic through our much-cut-through neighborhood.

Robert Chesney and Family
1610 Gaston Avenue

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Jamin Marks [~~jmarks@us.ibm.com~~]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 9:18 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bicycle plan
Importance: High

We live at 1516 W. 29th Street and are strongly opposed to the current bicycle plan. We've lived in the area for 6 years and have heard no need for extensive bike lanes nor do I see frequent bike use in the neighborhood. I'm also very opposed to any notion of eliminating on street parking because of the bike lanes, and view the benefit of that approach to be relatively minor as compared to the impact felt by the neighborhood.

Jamin and Maria Marks
1516 W. 29th
469-9188

Thanks,

Jamin Marks
Director, Business Development
IBM Software Group
Phone - 512.286.7402 Cell - 512.663.1076 Fax - 512.973.4293
~~jmarks@us.ibm.com~~

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Tom Granger [tom@midland.com]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 9:17 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: West Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan

Mr. DiGiuseppe,
I would like to voice my **opposition** to the inclusion of **Requested Bike Lanes** in the Final Draft of the West Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan. As a bike rider in our neighborhood I enjoy riding all of the streets that are listed for Requested Bike Lanes. However, I feel that the character of these streets and the neighborhood would be negatively impacted by the proposed changes and would request that you limit the changes to the **Recommended Bike Lanes**. I would be happy to go into more detail on this issue. Please contact me if you wish for me to do so.
Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Tom Granger
2612 Wooldridge
478-8165

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Biruta Kearn [mailto:~~bkearn@austin.rr.com~~]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 11:36 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Pemberton bicycle lanes

Please know that I support the creation of bike lanes in the Pemberton neighborhood as articulated in the latest neighborhood plan.

Although some neighbors have delivered a handout opposing such lanes, I firmly believe that the lanes would be a good idea. And I do not believe that having such lanes would encourage cut-through traffic in our neighborhood. I walk frequently on our streets and see the problems created by significant on-street parking. Our streets are too narrow to safely park on both sides of the street at the same time. This creates hazardous driving, walking, and bicycling on the streets. Thanks for your consideration.

Biruta Kearn
1106 Claire Ave.

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Elise Schram [elise.schram@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 12:23 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Transportation Chapter Draft Plan for Pemberton Heights
Attachments: Elise Schram.vcf

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I strongly oppose the Transportation Chapter Draft Plan for the Pemberton Heights Neighborhood as shown on page 14 of the Final Draft. I have lived in my home on Hardouin Avenue for nearly twenty years (and in Austin for forty years) and am extremely unhappy at the state to which our city has brought our once beautiful, peaceful neighborhood. The addition of more bike lanes in and around our neighborhood will not enhance life here in the inner city for these reasons:

- 1) It will further hinder the safe and speedy movement of people living here to school, work, grocery store, post office, etc. The bike lane along Exposition Blvd. and the multitude of poorly placed stop signs in Pemberton Heights have greatly increased commute times to *double* that prior to their addition.
- 2) A hike/bike trail already exists along Lamar Blvd. that stretches from Research Blvd. to the lake.
- 3) It appears that the vast majority of bike riders already in Pemberton Heights are recreational riders. They consistently ignore traffic laws and display an attitude of road ownership that puts themselves, pedestrians (especially neighborhood children and pets), and motorists at risk of serious injury.

I urge you to direct bicycle users to existing bike lanes and not burden Pemberton Heights with even more cut-through traffic than we are experiencing now.

Thanks,
Elise Schram
1408 Hardouin Avenue
Austin, Texas 78703

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Judy Bray [mailto:~~brayjudy@grandisland.net~~]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 1:03 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: bicycles in neighborhood

Hi Mr. Digiuseppe,
Right to the point.
Please no more traffic calming in Pemberton Heights. Please no bicycle lanes.
Thank you
Judy and Terry Bray
2 Green Lanes

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: ~~bob@collier.com~~
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 6:09 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike Lanes in Pemberton Heights

I am assuming that you are the responsible party or spokesperson regarding the proposed Bike lanes. After reviewing the road planning map, I see that no thought what so ever was given to the already overused streets (Hartford Rd and Jefferson St.) in the area.

Automobile traffic is very high from Windsor going North on Hartford road to Westover and on to 38th St via Jefferson St.. In addition to the High automobile traffic, the roadway from Northwood/ Westover along Jefferson is already very narrow .

As you probably already know, bike traffic thru this area in most instances do not follow the rules of the road. At the end of Hartford Rd. there is a turn- around (not a thru street) or exit on to Mo-Pac. Bikes continue to travel south and create a hazzard at this intersection already.

My recommendation for the recommended bike lane would be from W 38th St. south along Jefferson to 32nd St East to Harris Blvd and continue to Windsor.

Please drive down Hartford Road during the high traffic hours during the evening and observe the the conjection and high speed that already takes place.

I'm not in favor of this current plan at all. And I will resist this effort.

Bob Collier

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Wei-hsin Yu [wei28@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 4:38 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: concern about creating bike lanes on Harris Blvd

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

We are homeowners who live on Harris Blvd. We write to express our concern about the city's plan to create bike lanes on Harris Blvd. Our street already has quite a bit of vehicle traffic for a relatively narrow street. We believe that setting bike lanes will make the traffic even worse, which severely affects the quality of life for all residents in the neighborhood. In addition, because having bike lanes on Harris Blvd will reduce on-street parking at least for one side, the side where street parking is allowed will become quite crowded as a result. With the vehicles coming through the neighborhood, one-side street parking, and the bike lane, we believe that Harris Blvd will become rather congested during rush hours. Being so crowded, Harris Blvd may end up being rather unsafe for bicyclists. As a result, the city's intention to protect bicyclists' right may end up leading to more accidents involving bicyclists.

We therefore would like to ask the city to reconsider the plan. We believe that bicyclists would be better served with bike lanes in streets that do not already have heavy vehicle traffic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wei-hsin Yu
 Andres Villarreal
 Residents at 3004 Harris Blvd.

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Amy Malish [amalish1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 4:26 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: bike lanes

Please no bike lanes on Harris Blvd. This is a friendly street for all as it is. Why mess it up?

Amy Malish
2600 Harris Blvd.

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Sinclair Black [~~sinclair@blackandwhite.com~~]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 4:04 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike Lanes

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe:

I'm writing to you as the city representative regarding bike lanes in the Pemberton Neighborhood specifically on Harris Blvd. where I have lived for 30 + years. While I support the idea of bike lanes I see no need here. There are at least 10 times as many pedestrians walking in the street as there are bikes. My question is simple, why spend money on bike lanes that are not needed instead of spending it on sidewalks that are needed.

I was the prime consultant for "The Great Streets Master Plan" for downtown which recommended bikes lanes and safe zones for bicycles. I was also the consultant for the original plan for the regional hike and bike system so I know not only the issues but the politics.

In summary Harris Blvd. is already a safe street for bikes but it is definitely not a safe place for pedestrians.

The recently installed stop signs have calmed the traffic significantly. Sidewalks and even more pedestrians present on those sidewalks will further calm the traffic.

Build sidewalks not bike lanes.

Sincerely,
Sinclair Black, F.A.I.A.

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Adrienne Inglis [ad@wooldridge.com]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 3:44 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: STRONGLY IN FAVOR of bikes lanes in Pemberton Heights

Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I just looked at a flyer put under my front doormat that shares some of my neighbors' concerns about the bike lanes recommended and requested in the Brykerwood/Pemberton Heights neighborhoods in the West Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Draft Plan.

There was a problem with dangerous cut-through vehicular traffic until several stop signs were installed, although we failed to pass the traffic-calming plan. I do NOT believe that bicycle "cut-through" traffic would be at all dangerous. On the contrary, bicyclists do not pose anywhere near the threat that cars do. Furthermore, many neighbors would benefit from bike lanes as a safer place to walk, run, ride their bicycles, walk their dogs, or stroll their babies, which we do a lot.

I AM STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED BIKE LANES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. Our location makes it an ideal location to connect the Shoal Creek trail and Lamar Blvd. sidewalk to other parts of town. Every effort to get people out of single-occupancy vehicles and into mass transit, bike/ped, and telecommuting, is well worth it to improve our health and air quality, and reduce our carbon footprint. Bike lanes will encourage more people to use bikes for transportation and recreation.

Thank you for your hard work,

Adrienne Inglis
2502 Wooldridge Drive

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: ~~WindsorRoadPlanningArea@global.net~~
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 2:47 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Cc: Bryan Chester
Subject: Opposition to Bike Lanes in Windsor Road Planning Area

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

We are opposed to any bike lanes in the Windsor Road Planning Area.

Our neighborhood is already a "cut-through" neighborhood for thousands of drivers every day trying to get to UT or work. The bike lanes planned in the Transportation Chapter encourages "cut-through" bicycle traffic to enter our neighborhood and lead the bicyclists entirely through our neighborhood, exacerbating our neighborhood's traffic problems and in direct contradiction to one of the 5 expressly stated themes of the Transportation Chapter, to wit: "Protect Against Cut-through Traffic."

The implementation of bike lanes cannot be justified as a needed bicycle safety measure. Bicycle safety in our neighborhood has not been a problem according to a summary of police reports on traffic accidents in our neighborhood for the 70 month period, January 2002-October 2007. This summary was given to the Traffic Calming Working Group. *No accidents* involving bicycles were reported for the 70 month period. Beginning in 2006 or 2007 and ending in early 2008, the speed limits in our neighborhood were reduced to 25 mph and at least 20 new stop signs have been installed in our neighborhood since the end of the period covered by the reports. The summary of police reports shows our neighborhood has been safe for bicyclists and the reduced speed limits and new stop signs should make it even safer now.

Many bicyclists in their haste do not obey traffic laws, making it difficult for the rest of us who use our streets, including drivers, joggers and pedestrians. An increase in bicyclists in our neighborhood will add to the number who do not follow the law and make it even more difficult for the rest of us to use our streets.

The bike lanes by bringing in a substantial number of non-neighborhood residents who use our streets as thoroughfares will degrade our neighborhood. They will increase the difficulty in getting in and out of our driveways.

We believe bike lanes would probably have a negative impact on market values of homes on the streets where the lanes are implemented, as home buyers will prefer less traveled streets and unrestricted on-street parking.

Bill Rose
 1604 Westover Road
 also owner of
 2517 Harris Blvd.

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Mike Weynand [~~mike@weynandproperty.com~~]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 2:14 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: West Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan

03/19/10

I am contacting you at the request of the Pemberton Heights Heights Association. My wife and I live at 1507 Wooldridge Drive.

I have reviewed the proposed bike lane plan provided in the Neighborhood Association news letter. I am supportive of the recommended bike lane on Hartford Road, Jefferson Street, 34th Street, 35th Street and W. 38th Street. I am opposed to the other recommended or requested bike lanes.

I am particularly concerned about the recommended route on Windsor Road between Mo-Pac and North Lamar. That roadway is already seriously over crowded. Besides being very curvy and hilly. Elimination of any of the driving lanes to create a dedicated bike lane as the current situation on Exposition Boulevard would be disastrous.

Personally I am not as concerned about the issue of bike lanes eliminating on-street parking in the internal neighborhood streets. As far as we are concerned we would like as much of the on-street parking eliminated as possible.

Mike Weynand

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Robert Snider [snider@globalnet]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 1:50 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Fw: Bicycle Lanes

--- On Fri, 3/19/10, Robert Snider <snider@globalnet> wrote:

From: Robert Snider <snider@globalnet>
 Subject: Bicycle Lanes
 To: paul.digiuseppe@ci.austin.tx.us
 Date: Friday, March 19, 2010, 1:46 PM

Mr. DiGiuseppe,

Re-Bicycle lane on Northwood Rd

Please do not block my final means of caring for myself and wife.

I am 88 and my wife 89 years old and we are still trying to take care of ourselves. Presently we are able to live in the home we bought 52 years ago without help.

However, Northwood Road has become so congested it is no longer safe for me to back out of our drive for the following reasons:

Cars, trucks and lawn mowing trailers with equipment block my sight so that I cannot see what is coming while attempting to backout.

In addition to cars, trucks and city busses there are bicycles, strollers, baby carriages, people walking dogs and persons backing out of drives on the opposite side of the street-at times (particularly during the rush hours) it simply cannot be safely accessed.

The addition of bicycle lanes would be the final straw. I will not be able to get to or leave the property I bought so long ago--hoping for a place for a safe retirement. (Not to speak of all the taxes I have paid presumably to help keep it safe and accessible.) Even now, when we invite our friends over, there is no place for them to park.

Most frightening of all is the fact that ambulances and fire trucks cannot get to our property when we need them. It appears to me that this is a more basic right than that of free access to the highways for bicyclers.

If the money spent remaking our streets were to be directed to updating and repairing our hike & bike trails so people could ride them directly into downtown Austin, this would be a partial remedy.

We "old folks" are not able to compete with the young bicyclers going to city council meetings to lobby - but that does not mean we are interested or do not care.

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Jack Stick [mailto:~~stick@erica-stick.com~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 9:51 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Opposition to Northwood Road bike lane

Mr. Diguseppe:

My wife and I are opposed strongly to the bike lines proposed for the Pemberton neighborhood area and wish to register that opposition.

Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail and advise how we can appear in person to voice our opposition.

Jack and Erica Stick
1503 Northwood Road

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Grover Campbell [grovercampbell@austin.tcom]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 9:19 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: West Austin bike lanes

Mr. Digiuseppe:

I have learned that the city is contemplating expanding designated bike lanes to the central Austin neighborhood. This would be an ill-advised initiative.

I support bikers and attempt to show them on-road courtesies even though I regularly find they do not reciprocate. Neither of these, however, is these issue.

My neighborhood is already subjected to significant drive-through traffic thanks to the city's complete failure to provide a comprehensive traffic plan. Lamar and MoPac congestion force autos to seek alternative routes through our neighborhood. Adding designated bike lanes will only increase congestion and safety issues that the city has decided for the past three decades to ignore.

I urge city officials to reconsider this issue. I am happy to provide any additional comments that you might find of assistance.

Grover Campbell

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Nancy Campbell [~~nancy.campbell@cityofaustin.com~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 9:04 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike lanes through West Austin

Mr. DiGiuseppe:

It has come to my attention that the City of Austin is considering designating bike lanes through central Austin neighborhoods. I am most concerned.

As a resident on Westover Rd. I am already concerned with cut-through auto traffic. Mo-Pac and Lamar create significant transportation and neighborhood safety issues that would only be exacerbated by designating bike lanes.

Safety and mobility are my primary concern and adding designate bike lanes to an already congested environment will benefit no one.

Please let me know if you would like additional comments.

Nancy Campbell

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Coby Chase [ccchase@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 8:35 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Proposed Bike Lanes on Harris Blvd

Mr. DiGiuseppe:

I would like register my opposition to adding a bike lane to Harris Blvd.

As ever,
Coby C. Chase
2911 Harris Blvd
Austin, TX 78703-1929

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Jo Betsy Szebehely [jbsze@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 7:59 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Final Draft of the West Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan

Dear Sir.

For over six (6) generations, I have lived in this area, the last 35 years on a small two(2) block street. (Jarratt Avenue). This area has deteriorated over those years in multiple ways. To consider spill-over traffic, adding bike lanes to what already exist and/or establishing unrestricted on-street parking in this neighborhood feels like unintended constructive eviction of those of us who are land-locked on either side of this small, short street. Even now (with no changes) it is almost impossible to traverse our street either to the north or south. From what I see and observe here, virtually every day, there already exists a serious human safety issue, as well as a vehicular one. I would be glad to provide details upon request. Sincerely,
 J.B. Szebehely

5/20/2010

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Susan Erickson [new@erickson.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 5:42 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike lanes in Pemberton

We are a neighborhood- not a thoroughfare. We vote NO on bike lanes in our neighborhood.
 Biking safely is already possible here.

Susan and David Erickson

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Jenny Johnson <jrjinaustin@grandecom.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 10:52 AM
To: Jenny Johnson
Cc: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Re: Bike lane in pemberton heights

Dear Mr. Diguseppe

Please let me add that I hear talk of bikes as vehicles, but see bikes running stop signs, passing on the right to run stop signs while I have my right turn indicator on at the stop sign, not yeilding the road to faster cars, and so on. I have seen bikes run the red light at 29th and Lamar, and that's routine. These are the people we are coddling. It's more important to slow things down so my kids can actually ride bikes. My comments go for gaston, my street, as well.

Jenny Johnson
 1012 Gaston Ave
 Austin

On Mar 17, 2010, at 6:48 PM, Jenny Johnson <jrjinaustin@grandecom.net> wrote:

> 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
 > ~~Jrjinaustin@grandecom.net~~
 > 512-771-8385
 >

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Jennifer Nield [mailto:jnield@ashco.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 9:06 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike lanes in Pemberton

Dear Mr. Diguseppe,

My name is Jennifer Nield and I live at 1109 Claire Avenue. We are absolutely opposed to any bike lanes being put in our neighborhood and specifically our street. Claire Avenue gets so much cut through traffic, much of it substantially OVER the speed limit. We just spent \$15,000 fencing in our entire front yard to keep our small children and dogs safe while playing in the front yard. Some days we park our cars on the street to allow our children more area to ride their bikes and play soccer without the fear of a speeding driver hitting a child running after a stray ball. If a bike lane is put in and hinders our ability to park on street, our entire project was for naught. Street parking is occasionally the ONLY thing that slows down the speeders.

We understand we live in central Austin and there is much we are willing to deal with in order to stay here. However, bike lanes will completely render our front play area USELESS and that is not acceptable. According to the statistics, this area is not overly dangerous to bikers seeing as the accident rate is almost non-existent. Bike lanes are NOT needed and they will not be welcomed. We love bikers, but choosing their lanes over the safety of our children is completely ridiculous. We need street parking to slow down those who show no care for our youngsters and pets.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Nield
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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Amber Meinzer [mailto:ameinzer@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 8:46 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike lanes on Harris blvd

Dear Mr. Diguseppe,

I would like to take a brief moment to register my opinion of the proposed installation of bike lines on Harris Blvd and other streets in Pemberton. I am opposed to this proposal for several reasons. For one I believe that bike lanes would not actually help the primary users of our neighborhood streets. Residents of the neighborhood, especially those of us with children, would still not be able to use Harris safely for biking or walking. In fact, bike lanes would probably worsen the situation due to the fact that the removal of on street parking would encourage more through traffic speeding down Harris. In addition, the bike lanes are unsightly and would significantly and negatively impact property values of houses along streets where they are to be installed. They would also cater to increased entry into the neighborhood of non-residents when we are already experiencing a significant problem with solicitors and petty criminals harrasing our homes.

Thank you for taking time to consider my opinion when making the final decision on bike lanes.

Amber Meinzer
Property Owner, 2511 Harris Blvd

Sent from my iPhone

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Fran Ramsey [~~fr Ramsey~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 8:32 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike Lanes

Please no bike lanes on Northwood or Harris Blvd. We like the character of the neighborhood as it is and we are trying hard to preserve it. Our narrow streets do not need any more crowding.

Thank you.

Frances Ramsey
2401 Pemberton Place

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Lindsay Hunter [mailto:~~lindsay.hunter@pemberton.ca~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 5:10 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Cc: Lindsay Hunter
Subject: Bike Lanes in Pemberton

Paul,

I am concerned about the proposed bike lanes in Pemberton for several reasons:

1. Loss of on-street parking
2. Spill over parking on to smaller streets such as mine
3. Encouraging additional "traffic" through our neighborhood
4. Devaluing of property due to the above.

I hope that the residents will be taken into consideration before anything is implemented.

Thanks,

Lindsay Hunter, Architect
1408 Ethridge Ave

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Robert Albach (~~ralbach@tippingpoint.com~~)
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 7:08 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Pemberton Heights Bike Lane Plans

Hi Paul,

I came home this afternoon to a flyer from Ms. Carolyn Beynon and Mr. Bill Rose regarding the proposed bike lanes for our neighborhood.

After reading the document I found both disturbing and valid discussion points within their piece. I wish to write to you directly to express one neighborhood members point of view as it diverges from this particular group's stand. I found the tone of the "locals only" themes rather disturbing.

I believe that the Bike Lanes in the Bike Master Plan are very helpful and I support them.

I am very curious as to how the city plans to make the Windsor bike lane viable given the tight lane space and the very heavy traffic travelling at relatively high rates of speed.

Further I also support the Northwood bike lane to MOPAC and the section of Wooldridge from Northwood to 29th. My rationale is that it is perfectly sensible to have a safe path for Tarrytown people or Campus folks to travel through our neighborhood . To expand further a secure bike path for kids to make their way to Casis is a good idea. For Brykerwoods school kids (north of 29th) a designated path to ride to school would be sensible as well. As a father of 3 Casis students (past and present) these considerations are important to me.

I am uncertain as to the significant value add that the lanes on Claire and Gaston would add.

Outside of the bike path discussion I would like to strongly plead that any moneys saved on not adding the bike lanes be invested in traffic slowing / calming changes as proposed for our neighborhood particularly on the 29th / Northwood cut through corridor.

My thanks for your time.

-Robert

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: hps [mailto:~~hps@hpsullivan.net~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 6:53 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Proposed Bike Lanes on Northwood Road

We are homeowners at 1400 Northwood Road and want you to know that we are completely opposed to the creation of a bike lane on Northwood Road from Jefferson Street to Wooldridge Drive for the following reasons:

first, a bike lane on that stretch of Northwood would only increase the flow of cut-through traffic (not just bicycles but also vehicles) on Northwood from MoPac to Lamar, thereby worsening already unsafe (indeed, dangerous!) situation on Northwood;

second, the creation of a bike lane would certainly prevent on-street parking by the residents, a necessity in an older neighborhood (as ours is) where driveways are limited and on-street parking is required to accommodate homes with more than one car.

Bicyclists (at least residential bicyclists) already have a safe route along our road - without the creation of a designated bike lane. Moreover, on-street parking has the beneficial effect of slowing down otherwise speeding cars and discouraging the use of Northwood as a cut-through route.

We hope that the city will not enact this very unwise proposal.

Thank you.

H. P. Sullivan and J. T. Cowden

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Michael Wardlaw [~~michael.wardlaw@yahoo.com~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 6:49 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: West Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan

Hi Paul,

I've reviewed the draft plan for the Pemberton Heights area, including 29th street, Northwood, Harris, Woolridge, Gaston, etc. I'm a resident of the area at 1411 Preston Avenue and would be directly affected by these changes. After careful review, please know that I'm 100% opposed to creating new bike lanes or changes to the streets in the neighborhood. I believe this will create new problems with traffic and parking. Please make note of my vote for a strong no for these draft plans as a concerned resident.

Thank You,
Michael Wardlaw
1411 Preston

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Wayne Baker [wayne.baker@diogibaker.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 6:01 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike lane proposals in the Transportation Chapter of The Draft Plan

We purchased the residence at 1505 Northwood Road in 1972, largely because of the quiet and established neighborhood close to downtown. The quality of life here has diminished dramatically since the construction of MoPac and the growth of suburbs in northwest Travis and Williamson counties. Many of those commuters utilize Northwood, narrow as it is, as a passage to the UT campus and area businesses. Many of these drivers pay only casual attention to the all-way stop signs and exceed the posted speed limit. On-street parking is the only measure we have to encourage a slower pace, and this will be lost with the implementation of a bike lane.

The number of requested bike lanes appears unnecessary and superfluous. I hope that the city will see fit to limit bike lanes to transitional streets, such as 29th, that will better accomodate East-West traffic.

Wayne V. Baker
1505 Northwood Road
Austin, Tx 78703
512-474-4618

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Fancher, Lisa [~~L.Fancher@hnn.com~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 5:19 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Proposed bike lanes for Harris Blvd.

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I am a bicyclist and have lived on Harris Blvd. for 24 years. From both perspectives, I don't believe that we need designated bike lanes on this street, although I think that it is a fine idea to list it as a preferred bike route.

Harris is already heavily used by bicyclists and I am not aware of any problems that have arisen from the lack of bike lanes. As far as I can tell, bikes, cars and pedestrians co-exist without any difficulties.

On the other hand, if bike lanes are instituted, it could interfere with on-street parking. Some residences don't have any other alternatives, and some of us like to entertain guests who must park on the street.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Lisa Fancher
3007 Harris Blvd.
Austin, TX 78703
512-322-4708 (daytime)

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Katy Hackerman [~~kathyhackerman@gmail.com~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 3:00 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Pemberton Heights Resident Against the Proposed Bike Lanes

Dear Paul,

I received a letter from the Pemberton Heights Neighborhood Association regarding the bike lane proposals in the Transportation Chapter. I would like to voice my vote **against** adding any bike lanes in this area.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Katy Hackerman
Cell: 512-788-2400
E-mail: ~~kathyhackerman@gmail.com~~

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: ~~John C. Nelson~~ john@johnnelson@aah.com
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 2:19 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Transportation Chapter - West Central Austin Neighborhood Plan

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I am a lifelong resident of Pemberton Heights and am writing to voice some of my concerns and strong opposition to the bike lane proposals for the following streets: 29th St., Northwood Road, Harris Blvd., Wooldridge Drive, Claire Avenue, Gaston Avenue and Jefferson St. - Hartford Road.

While I recognize and respect the rights of bicycle riders, I do not think these proposed bike lanes are a good thing for the neighborhood or safety of its residents or bicycle riders. Likewise, I think those who drive motor vehicles and live in the neighborhood also have rights that should be recognized and respected.

I am particularly concerned about the increased bicycle traffic which would effectively be routed through the neighborhood. It is my understanding that bicycle lanes are also being requested per the "Bike Master Plan" on roadways designed for increased travel such as Lamar Blvd. and 35th/38th streets, and believe bicyclists should be encouraged to use these perimeter routes rather than increasing cut-through traffic in Pemberton Heights on the streets listed above.

It is my understanding that proposed bike lanes on neighborhood streets would prohibit significant on-street parking that is allowed today. I believe on-street parking helps to slow traffic on streets such as Harris Blvd., and its prohibition could have a significant negative impact on safety for both motor vehicle and bicycle travelers on these streets. I have ridden bikes on the streets of Pemberton Heights (in particular Harris Blvd. and Wooldridge Dr.) since I was a child, and have not been aware of bike accidents or felt that bike lanes were needed on these or other neighborhood streets for safety. It is my understanding that recent measures such as multiple new stop signs (at least 2 on Harris Blvd.) and a reduced speed limit were designed to further increase safety in this neighborhood.

I think it is extremely unfair for homeowners who happen to live on the "designated" streets to have on-street parking taken from them after the fact. My Mother, who lives on Harris Blvd., is one such homeowner who purchased her property (and has paid taxes since) with the right for her and her guests to park in front of her property. The homeowners who do not live on these streets, but live nearby, would also suffer the consequences of this taking since the cars that previously parked on the designated bike lane streets would have to park elsewhere. I am in this group, living just off of the intersection of Harris Blvd. and Preston Avenue. In my opinion, this would have a direct negative impact on the value of both my home and my Mother's home, as well as the homes of neighbors in Pemberton Heights.

There are additional reasons why I feel bike lanes should not be added on the listed streets in Pemberton Heights, but in the interests of responding prior to March 19th have attempted to limit my comments to some of my bigger concerns. Thanks in advance for your attention to these comments. I would happy to discuss this further at your convenience, and would appreciate being notified of further developments with this process.

Sincerely, John C. Nelson 467-9686

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Mary Wilson [mailto:~~mary.wilson@att.net~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 1:39 PM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Cc: 'Will Wilson'
Subject: Draft Plan: Bicycle plan: Pemberton Heights Neighborhood

Dear Mr. DiGiuseppe: I am writing to express our opposition to the proposed bike lane proposals for Pemberton Heights Neighborhood.

I have resided at 1407 Ethridge Ave. for twenty-five years.

The proposed plan is terrible.

The proposed plan is unnecessary and there is no showing of necessity for this plan.

The proposed plan ignores the people who live in the neighborhood and appears designed to drive the people who

Live here crazy by people who do not live here.

The proposed plan appears to be less-safe than our current streets.

The proposed plan has no plan to control the new bike traffic which will be funneled into our neighborhood.

Since it is a well-known fact that bike riders do not obey existing traffic control signs, the plan does not

Provide for an increased level of law-enforcement to enforce traffic laws against

bikes.

The proposed plan puts at risk the domestic animals who reside in our neighborhood in

peace.

The proposed plan puts at risk the many people who walk and stroll in our neighborhood in

peace, many of whom

Are elderly and/or in various states of infirmity.

The proposed plan has no proposed hours of operation.

The proposed plan has no proposed safety stations for calling in the inevitable collisions and personal injuries.

The proposed plan has not proposal for the operation of Cap Metro buses which already take up room on the streets.

The proposed plan does not address the operation of first responder police, fire, and/or ambulances.

Further, the proposed plan affects all of our property rights.

In addition, but for a letter from our neighbors, I would not know that this plan is being proposed.

The City of Austin has violated my constitutional right to due process by not giving me any notice whatsoever

Of this proposed course of action.

Therefore, give me actual notice prior to any further attempts to impose the proposed plan.

In short, leave us alone.

Respectfully,
Will R. Wilson, Jr.
1407 Ethridge Ave
Austin, Texas 78703
512.320.4160

DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Genie Miller [~~geniemiller@austin.tx.com~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 11:20 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Austin Bicycle Plan

We think that bike lanes on 29th from Oakmont to Lamar is reasonable, as is on Jefferson-Hartford from 35th to Windsor. However, we think it would be a huge mistake to put bike lanes on Wooldridge, Claire, Gaston and Harris because it would cut out on- street parking on one side of the streets that are already crowded with parked cars and cut through traffic. On our street (Gaston) there are many young children who frequently ride trikes (supervised by parents), play ball or are pushed in strollers or baby buggies. To cut out half of the on- street parking would make for a dangerous situation because of the high volume of cut through traffic and construction vehicles.

Bob and Eugenia Miller
1510 Gaston Avenue

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Mollie Duckworth [mollie.duckworth@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 10:46 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike Lane on Harris Blvd.

Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I understand that you are the appropriate person to contact regarding any concerns related to the proposed bike lanes on Harris Blvd. My husband and I live at 2414 Harris and we are strongly opposed to adding a bike lane on our street. I have two primary concerns - the first is parking and the second is traffic safety. As I am sure many of our neighbors have expressed, parking is a pretty big problem in our neighborhood. As an older neighborhood, many homes (including ours) do not have modern garages and therefore we have to park in our driveways and on the street. A dedicated bike lane would take away much needed parking space for those that live in our neighborhood and any visitors that come to our homes. My second concern is with general traffic safety. The streets in our neighborhood are very narrow as it is. There are parts of Harris Blvd. that are already too tight, and adding a bike lane would further restrict the traffic flow.

I used to be a very avid biker and triathlete, and I am very supportive of bike safety and making Austin a welcome place for all athletes. But I would not expect every neighborhood to create bike lanes similar to what they have on Shoal Creek. Bikers and training groups flock to Shoal Creek to use those bike lanes and as someone who has both biked and driven in that area, it is not what I want for our neighborhood. It adds a huge amount of congestion and our streets are just too narrow. Adding a bike lane on Exposition made perfect sense, because that is certainly a common route for cyclists and the street is plenty wide to accomodate a bike lane without impeding the rest of traffic. Harris is not anything like Exposition and adding a bike lane would create numerous problems on our already too narrow streets.

Thank you for allowing our neighborhood to express our opinions on this subject. I hope that the city will take these concerns into consideration before making any changes to our streets.

Best regards,

Mollie Duckworth
 2414 Harris Blvd.

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Laura Sharp [laura@sharpfirm.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 10:05 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Cc: phna@pembertonheights.org; '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)'
Subject: Bicycle lanes

Dear Paul,

I have received a letter from concerned neighbors about the proposed bicycle lanes and I agree with their issues. Please let me know if you have not seen it. There are many people in this neighborhood that are concerned with not being able to park on Northwood and other streets that they propose to burden with bike lanes. We have lived and ridden bicycles on these streets for nearly 18 years. There is no reason we need lanes for the safety of cut through bikers. Interestingly, the bikers that I witness cutting through our neighborhood never stop at a stop sign unless a car makes them. That is the only safety issue that I am aware of, and even when they run the sign, there has yet to be an accident. When the traffic calming project was happening, the city failed to merge planning process with the neighborhood planning. Some thought that was a mistake and this is the proof. Had the neighborhood been aware that the traffic problems were likely to increase instead of decrease, they may have voted differently on the traffic calming plan. By increasing bicycle traffic and decreasing the future possibility of parking, you have done exactly the opposite of what we need to happen here. I also feel reluctant to allow a plan to pass now with a "promise" that any bike lanes would not impair parking because a later, small lobbying group of cut through bicyclists, could have that changed with no input from the neighborhood. Same issue if the "promise" is that there is currently no funding for the project.

I need to know what is the proper mechanism for addressing this issue and removing the bicycle lane proposal from Pemberton Heights. Do we need to formalize our objections with a petition to the city council or another council? I don't want to allow the plan to be confirmed with this in it if the majority of the people living in this neighborhood object to it.

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Cox, Carla
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 10:02 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Neighborhood Plan for Pemberton and bike lanes

Dear Sir:

I live at 1605 Westover Rd. Please pass on my opposition to proposed bike lanes on Lamar between 29th and Windsor (and any other proposed lanes on Lamar). Unless the City plans to widen Lamar to add another lane in each direction, the addition of a bike lane in existing lanes will seriously impede traffic which is already seriously congested. A bike lane is totally unnecessary on North Lamar. Bikers already have a paved sidewalk that is seldom used by pedestrians as well as the use of the hike and bike trail. It is absurd to impede one of the few north/south traffic arteries to give bikers a third option when they already have more than adequate and much safer means of travelling the same route.

On Northwood, the addition of a bike lane is unnecessary given the mandatory 3 foot avoidance ordinance applicable to bikers. The residents of Northwood should not have their access to street parking infringed on by unneeded bike lanes. This is a residential street and the speed limit is 25 mph. Bikers ride all over our neighborhood now with no bike lanes and they don't have any problem.

Carla J. Cox

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: ~~huffaker@madison.com~~
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 9:57 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: bike lanes

Mr. DiGiuseppe,

I have lived on the corner of Harris and Gaston for almost 20 years. It is difficult enough for those of us who live in the area to get to and from our houses. Please do not make the things worse by adding bike lanes.

Also, I've yet to see a bicyclist stop at the four way stop placed on our corner last year. Many cars ignore them as well. I believe bike lanes in this area would create a situation with a potential for disaster.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jerry Huffaker

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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: ~~B.Abrams@aol.com~~
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 9:49 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: pemberton

Hello, Paul, I just want to weigh in with one opinion for Pemberton Heights re: bike lanes, etc. Wooldridge Drive is especially "active" - it is for me about a 10 mph zone with cars lining the street on both sides and runners, walkers, dogs on leashes (but in the middle of the road), and strollers 2 and 3 abreast with nannies or parents. I am "older" and have nightmares about running over a child or even a dog. My husband is smarter than I and he NEVER accesses Wooldridge via Harris Blvd. I am just too old to change my ways of 30 years to take Westover or some other route. I do use 29th quite a bit. In short, I vote for keeping Pemberton from further complication by adding/encouraging cyclists. There is a dangerous woman-driver out there and I am she.

Blessings, Barbara

*Barbara E. Adams
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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Lane Orsak [laneorsak@laneorsak.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 10:26 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike lanes in Pemberton

Dear Sir -

My wife and I own a condo at 2618 A Jefferson and walk throughout Pemberton weekly for exercise. I have observed the following:

- There are more people walking, than cycling.
- Jefferson Street and Harris Blvd. have been adopted by non-neighborhood residents as a way to avoid MOPAC between the hours of 4:45 and 6:45 PM.
- Based on the disregard I experience weekly for pedestrian traffic on Jefferson and the frequent abuse of the speed limit (due to no speed bumps),
it would be DANGEROUS and irresponsible to put cyclists on Jefferson.
- Harris Blvd is the safest path to accommodate cyclists (That is where I see the most cycle traffic weekly anyway!).
- Jefferson needs speed bumps, not bike lanes from Westover to 24th street.

Thank you for considering our thoughts.

Best -

Lane Orsak



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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: James Huffines [~~huffines@plainscapital.com~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 8:41 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Bike lanes on harris

I would like to formally express my strong opposition to adding bike lanes on Harris Blvd. I live at the corner of Harris and Leigh Street and it would be a huge mistake for the city to move forward with the bike plan proposed for Harris. Based on my conversations with probably 30 neighbors, I estimate there may be only 10%-20% support for your proposed plan. I know the limited support comes from people who don't live in the neighborhood and or not impacted by this proposal thus PLEASE do not go forward with the bike lane proposal on Harris.

James Huffines
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DiGiuseppe, Paul

From: Robert Kinney [~~Robert@kinneyrecruiting.com~~]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 8:09 AM
To: DiGiuseppe, Paul
Subject: Thoughts on Bike Lanes

Paul - We live on 2406 Harris Blvd, near Windsor. Cars turn on Harris near our house and regularly drive by traveling in excess of 40 miles per hour although this is a 25 mph zone. Since the neighborhood foolishly turned down traffic calming measures prior to us moving here, the only thing that serves to slow these cars down is parked cars on either side of the street, which is quite effective. If the bike lanes will come with removal of parking on Harris, then you can register me AGAINST the proposed bike lanes. Bikers already realize that they can use Harris and do so all time. Spending money on painting the street seems foolish. It would be much better for the neighborhood and the bikers if the city spent some money on speed feedback signs permanently installed on Harris. I am referring to the signs that are common in some places, especially Europe, that tell drivers, "You are speeding", or the like.

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