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Attn: Carol Ann Desiderio

My name is **Agnes Recato** at **197 Clifton St. Apt. 2 Malden, MA 02148** providing my written statement in regards to Motions, orders and resolutions 307-23 and 308-23 in Tuesday, September 5, 2023 City Council meeting agenda.

Please do not remove all bus and bike lanes from Route 60 and other portions of the City of Malden. Please do not prohibit future bus or bike lanes from being approved that would cause an elimination of motor vehicle traffic lanes or inhibit parking in the city. The Route 60 corridor will be a popular route that potential users of the new and upcoming Bike Kitchen on Canal Street will be utilizing to get to and from by bicycle. I have recently moved to Malden from Everett because I enjoy the choices of self-powered mobility that I have in this city with the existing bus and bike lane infrastructure. If bus and bike lanes are removed, residents will not feel confident in riding the main city streets on bikes, electric scooters, or other micro mobility methods and be subjected to using a personal passenger vehicle. With more passenger vehicle users, the emergency vehicles will not be able to get to their destinations quickly because of grid lock traffic. Bike and bus lanes provide the space for passenger vehicles to move out of the way for the emergency vehicles. Residents are changing their mobility behaviors and are frequently choosing to utilize other means other than a personal passenger vehicle to get from point A to B.

Removing Bike and bus lanes in Malden is not aligned with the new city initiative in combating climate change, called Green Malden. Eliminating bus and bike lanes will only contribute to climate change and disruptions in our local climate which would cause lasting damage for future generations of the City of Malden.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Agnes Recato
Malden Resident

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