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Hello,

My name is Gregory Zeltt. I live at 51 Myrtle St., Apt.4, Malden, MA 02148. I am e-mailing to provide a statement for the public record regarding agenda items 307-23 and 308-24, which are expected to be discussed at the city council meeting tonight (September 5th, 2023). My statement is as follows:

I believe the bike and bus lanes to be an excellent addition to the city of Malden, and that they should not be removed or prevented from expanding for the foreseeable future. I personally utilize the bus lanes frequently to both commute to work and to engage in leisure activities during my time outside of work. Additionally, my work as a mental health counselor for people with physical and cognitive disabilities has introduced me to countless others who depend on bike and bus lanes to get to their destinations within a reliable timeframe. Many of the clients I work with are not able to drive due to their disabilities, leaving public transportation as the best way for them to get around. Opponents of the bike and bus lanes purport that people using these means of transportation could already use the infrastructure that was in place before the specialized lanes were added. However, anybody who has ever used a bus during any time of day where significant car traffic has been present can attest to the reality that buses which have to utilize the same lanes as car traffic are woefully slow and unacceptably inconsistent as to when they will arrive at their destinations. It is unjust and frankly discriminatory to make the claim that those who are either not wealthy enough to own a car or unable to drive one due to ability status should be demanded to arrive at work or other destinations late or even not at all due to circumstances that are largely out of their control. Thank you for your time, and I hope the city chooses to support bike and bus infrastructure for the foreseeable future.

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