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Dear City Clerk Carol Ann,

Below are some comments for tomorrow's city council meeting regarding 307-23 and 308-23:

I am a resident of Ward 8 and have lived here in Malden for the past three years. I am appalled by the orders up for review in this week's city council session regarding the removal of and blocking construction of bus and bike lanes. I cannot understand why any city councilor would choose to eliminate this essential vein of transit for people like me who ride my bike and take public transit in order to work and live in Malden every day. The infrastructure of bike lanes on route 60 specifically is important to my commute from my house to the T station. Removing these lanes would directly impact me, making it less safe for me to get to work every day, since I would now need to bike in the road among cars who – let's face it – are rarely paying adequate attention.

By deprioritizing public transit through the removal of these lanes, you would be encouraging more traffic with more cars on the road, making an already busy road even busier around school and rush hours. You would also be making transit less accessible to the approximately 4,000 Malden residents who take public transit or bike to work daily, not to mention the impact it would have on drivers as the roads are made more clogged, and the conditions are made more dangerous for drivers and bikers alike. I urge this city council to protect bike and bus lanes in Malden, for myself, and for my fellow residents who rely on this infrastructure every day.

Thank you,

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