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Hello Carol Ann,

Please see the below public comment for tonight's CC meeting in favor of removing the current bus and bike lanes on route 60. I will also be signing up for public comment at the meeting.

Thank you,

Bill Spadafora

Good evening,

My name is Bill Spadafora and I live at 37 Prospect Street, Malden.

I'm here this evening asking you all to allow the citizens of Malden to have a voice on the future of bus and bike lanes on the Route 60 corridor and the future of all bike and bus lanes in this city.

These lanes were pushed on our city with little to no input from us, the residents and voters of Malden.

These decisions were made during a pandemic with flawed traffic studies, little community input due to a Zoom meeting that was poorly announced, along with a back room deal to push the permanent lane paintings out till after the last election. I wonder why that was?

Fed up with elected officials not listening, we started our grassroots campaign 28 days ago. We have close to 600 members who are in complete agreement that the added traffic in the city has been caused by this failed experiment.

This traffic has forced vehicles onto secondary roads, not built to handle this unprecedented amount of vehicles.

This is not only a traffic issue, but also a safety issue. In quoting a bicyclist from Malden "This bike lane was designed to kill bicyclists".

I would never allow my child to ride a bike sandwiched between the 108 bus and an Amazon delivery truck, yet this is what many of you are encouraging.

Two online polls created by other Malden social media groups show that the residents of Malden are fed up with sitting in bumper to bumper traffic, while bus and bike lanes go relatively unused.

In closing, while many of you have already made it clear you will not listen to your constituents and have complete disregard for democracy; if this vote fails, we will get the

required signatures to force a special election where we will be heard.

And every “no” vote will be remembered come Election Day as we still have a voice in the voting booth.

Thank you

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