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**Subject:** In Support of Sustainable Infrastructure Re: File Nos. 307-23 and 308-23  
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Dear City Clerk Carol Ann,

As a resident of Malden Ward 1 and property owner at 59 Acorn Street, I am alarmed at the proposed non-binding ballot questions to remove bike and bus lanes on Route 60 and prevent their installation elsewhere in the future. I would strongly prefer and encourage that we leave the design of our streets and roadways to professionals who understand how to collect data, make data driven decisions, and achieve desired outcomes for citizens. Prescribing specific solutions is not a task for the public at large and we should not pretend otherwise by fomenting sentiments via non-binding questions put to voters.

The city website [clearly states](#) that the Route 60 project is not yet complete. I believe it is too early to judge the long term impact of something not yet finished and that doing so is irresponsible. Responsibility is what I expect from counsel members and factors heavily into my decisions about who I vote for.

If these ballot questions are approved for November, I hope that your office will provide the appropriate context with substantial edits to the proposed text on the final ballot question.

These should minimally include:

- An assessment of the immediate and long term financial impacts to the city budget.
- Language clearly stating that the project is not yet finished.
- Language clarifying how the proposals would impact city commitments to "complete streets."
- The anticipated impact to bus travel times, private motor vehicle travel times, etc. over Route 60 and connected streets.

Thank you for the time and for the opportunity to comment,  
-Michael Ryan

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