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Dear City Clerk Desiderio,

I am writing to express my opinion on item 307-23 on the city council meeting agenda for September 5th.

As a car-free household and daily bus & train commuter for the past 12 years, I strongly support initiatives for improving public transportation. When the bus lane on Route 60 was added, I was thrilled. My bus commute instantly shortened by 4 minutes. While that may seem like a small number, it was the equivalent of shaving off 25% of my bus commute.

There are well-documented efficiency and environmental benefits to policy shaped around multi-modal transportation. Rather than considering removal of the existing bus lanes, I strongly encourage the city to continue seeking out funding for similar lanes throughout Malden. Shorter commute times mean residents spend more of their time and money within their own communities, and our local businesses could benefit from this extra support.

Signed,  
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