

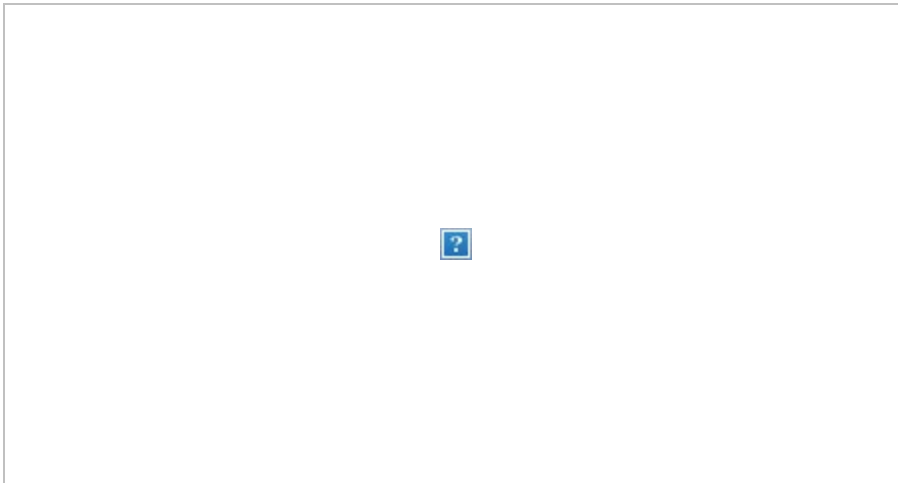
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To: [Carol Ann Desiderio](#)
Subject: Regarding Sep 5 Meeting Items 307-23 & 308-23
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Dear City Clerk Carol Ann,

I am writing to express **support for maintaining bus and bike lanes** in Malden and to express **opposition to City Councillor Sica's proposal to remove** existing lanes and prevent future lanes from being created (Items 307-23 & 308-23).

I'm a lifelong resident of Malden who because of its great access to public transit has never had to get her driver's license. I have mainly relied on the T and, because of the Northern Strand and added bike lanes, just recently bought an REI Co-op e-bike for travelling. (I so far used it to go to Lynn and Market Basket in Revere. I will use it to go to the Gateway Center and Assembly Row and plan to at least try to use it to go to my office in the Fenway area.)

Keeping and adding more bike and bus lanes will encourage others in the neighborhood to rely on the T and/or bikes and therefore reduce congestion. In comparison to buses and bikes, cars take up so much space. Cars are pretty much half the size of a bus -- however, 1 car can hold up to 5 people (how often does that happen?) but 1 bus can hold up to 50. See the image below as an example of how much space cars take in comparison to buses and bikes:



If congestion is a problem *right now*, as a quick fix, I'd rather suggest fixing traffic signaling. I don't drive, but I know the light at Main Street / Exchange Street takes forever. Just please don't stop making bus and bike lanes!

Best regards,
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