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I was a Malden resident for 27 years and still do much of my personal business in Malden. I now live on Route 60 in Medford and have bike lanes in front of my home. Because bike lanes now exist in places I visit in Malden and Medford, I was able to sell my personal car and bike more. If you build it, they will come. I bike to Malden regularly and it is not as safe to do so without bike lanes. Please keep bike and bus lanes. Anyone advocating for bike lane removal should try biking in car traffic and see how drivers treat them. Buses could be treated equal to the number of cars they are replacing, as without buses there would be more cars on the road. Space on the road is proportionally taken up much more by car drivers than bike or bus riders. Without bike lanes, bike riders have full rights to use the full travel lanes and will go 10 mph, slowing traffic or causing illegal passing over double yellow lines. Bike lanes can reduce car traffic in terms of time and motor vehicles on the road. Please investigate trends in bicycle and pedestrian deaths and injuries with and without bike lanes. Roads are meant for travel, not specifically car travel. Drivers possibly spending few minutes in traffic is not worth months in a hospital or years taken off an innocent person's life. Malden's roads existed long before cars, yet cars have taken over and become the only option on many streets. Public streets don't have to be dedicated to storing personal property and can be used for multimodal travel lanes. Thank you.

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