

Carol Ann Desiderio

From: Catherine Clark <catherinegclark@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:56 PM
To: Carol Ann Desiderio
Subject: Re: Bike and Bus Lanes

Of course! 84 Wallace st. 02148

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> On Sep 5, 2023, at 4:02 PM, Carol Ann Desiderio <CDesiderio@cityofmalden.org> wrote:

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> Would you please include your address for the record?
> Thank you,
> Carol Ann

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> From: Catherine Clark <catherinegclark@gmail.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:53 PM
> To: Carol Ann Desiderio <CDesiderio@CITYOFMALDEN.ORG>
> Subject: Bike and Bus Lanes

> Dear City Clerk Desiderio and Malden City Council,

> I moved to Malden 2 years ago and plan to stay and raise my growing family here. We have been very happy and proud to become Maldonians, but one of my constant complaints has been how inhospitable the city is to non-drivers, whether that be pedestrians, cyclists, or those taking public transit. Therefore, I have been disheartened to hear about the movement to remove and/or ban future bike and bus lanes throughout the city, which would only worsen the current conditions for residents and take a massive step backward in the fight against climate change. In my family we commute via car, bike, public transit, and walking, so we are aware of the challenges of all these modes of transportation. While I of course agree that such lanes should be thoughtfully implemented to minimize congestion, I personally have never experienced car traffic being caused by bike or bus lanes (but rather seems to be caused by the traffic signaling system that often seems totally illogical!). We have, however, experienced unsafe conditions including insufficient or inconvenient bike routes, crosswalks, and walk signals, as well as ridiculously long public transit commutes. It is plain, simple logic that offering better alternatives to driving will reduce congestion, not increase it! I hope the City Council will continue to consider the safety of our community, both from the immediate threat of unsafe conditions for non-drivers, as well as the long-term threat of exacerbating climate change by continuing to hold cars up above all other modes of transportation.

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> Thank you,
> Catherine Clark Fischer

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