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Hi Lisa,

My wife and I own a home at 569 Fellsway E here in Malden. We have lived here since 2018 and plan to stay a very long time.

I realize 4pm is the cutoff for public comment, but I wanted to get my thoughts over to you anyway. It was brought to my attention only today, the ridiculous motion proposed by Councilor Sica. I have been using the Route 60 bike lanes with great frequency and would like to see biking infrastructure improved all over the city. I also own a car and use Route 60 as well and have no problem with the bus/bike lanes.

Malden should be a destination, not a place to "get through quickly". Sure our traffic routing can use some improvement, but not at the expense of safer biking infrastructure for those of us that don't always want to be stuck in cars. I would like Malden to be a place where my wife feels safe to ride a bicycle which it currently is not. I also shouldn't have to put myself at risk to advance improvements to biking safety.

Not everyone drives a car and everyone shouldn't be forced to subsidize the cost of transportation infrastructure that excludes all other modes. Gas taxes don't pay the full cost of roads and Malden taxpayers have to foot the bill for the remainder. The city will continue to grow and no more cars can fit on the roads. It's time to try something different!

Thanks,
Kirk

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