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I write to the Malden City Council today as a supporter of the bike and bus lanes the city has implemented, as a former and prospective resident of the city, and as a frequent patron of the many fantastic businesses and restaurants the city has to offer. The bike and bus lanes on Centre St in particular have been extremely beneficial to improving safety of all roadway users and increasing the efficiency of the corridor by greatly increasing the maximum capacity of how many people per hour could be moved on the corridor. Prior to the addition of bike lanes on Centre St, it was incredibly stressful to take my bike to downtown Malden destinations, or any desinations on the west side of the city. The bus lanes have also increased the speed and reliability of every bus route that utilitizes them, as well as providing an open lane for all emergency responders passing through. I strongly suggest the city council recognize these benefits, and also acknowledges the undeniable fact that safety has been greatly increased. To walk back these numerous improvements is to also make Malden streets less safe.

Thank you,

August Blake

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