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I would like to express my opposition to Councilor Robinson's planned removal of bike lanes. Biking is my preferred mode of transportation around the city and I often see pedestrians, cyclists, and handicapped scooters traveling on roads without safe infrastructure for them. Bike lanes are part of safe infrastructure. I am constantly harassed and threatened by drivers for riding my bike on the street. In the past week alone, I had one driver honk at me so that I turned and could watch them veer towards me to hit me (I veered so they missed), had another driver honk and creep at me threateningly because my presence prevented them from a turn despite me having the right of way, and yet another driver yell at me to get off the street. And this is normal. Sidewalks are not an option due to the danger of being hit by drivers as you cross streets (see above incident) and that a bicycle on a sidewalk is to a pedestrian like a car is to a cyclist. Different modes of transportation require different lanes but unfortunately we mostly build car infrastructure that forces us to invest thousands of our own dollars on a car so that we can safely travel to a store. This bike infrastructure adds to the community and helps provide safe access to more users than what has been available.

Thank you,

C. Aaron Nickless