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Subject: Official Request: Professional Engineering Review for Proposed Extension of Catherine Street Two-Way Cycle Track
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Dear City Administrator Dohoney,

Please let this email serve as an official request to have a professional transportation engineer review the proposed two-way cycle track for Catherine Street.

Community members have raised several significant safety concerns regarding the implementation of a two-way track in this specific urban context. Key points of concern include:

- **Conflict Points and Curb Cuts:** The additional risks associated with two-way cycle tracks near frequent curb cuts, specifically involving residential driveways, commercial entrances, and parking garages.
- **Elevation and Gradient:** The apparent omission of the significant elevation changes on Catherine Street from Glen Avenue.
- **E-Bike Velocity:** The growing use of e-bikes allows for greater speeds, particularly on inclines. There is a specific concern regarding the potential for high-speed, head-on collisions (potentially at closing speeds of 40 mph) between cyclists on a steep decline within a two-way configuration.
- **Counter-flow Risks:** The inherent danger of cyclists traveling counter-flow to vehicular traffic, especially on a one-way street where drivers are not conditioned to look for two-way bicycle traffic.
- **Safety Alternatives:** The proximity of Ann Street, which runs parallel just one block away, may provide a safer opportunity for cyclists to travel in the direction of vehicular traffic in protected bike lanes on Catherine and Ann, .

While these points represent the voiced concerns of the community, the potential risks make it imperative that a professional engineer evaluates the proposal, considers these variables, and determines the safest alternative for our city.

This request is made in light of the fact that Ann Arbor is currently experiencing a 10-year high in fatal and serious injury pedestrian crashes, despite significant infrastructure investment. A second opinion is a prudent step to ensure public safety.

Please be advised that if the City does not initiate this professional review, I will be forced to request a review by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). This is a path I would prefer to avoid, as it is employee-specific and may not result in the necessary

project adjustments or work stoppage required to ensure a safe outcome.

I look forward to your prompt response regarding this matter.

Best regards,

Kathy Griswold