

# Petition to OPPOSE RESOLUTION 19-2079

## City of Ann Arbor

### I oppose #19-2079 Resolution to Prohibit On-Street Parking on Both Sides of Barton Drive from Longshore Drive to Pontiac Trail

According to this resolution, prohibiting on-street parking in this area will make possible the installation of bike lanes from Long Shore Drive to Pontiac Trail in order to fulfill the City's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan for on-street bicycle lanes on Barton Drive.

### I oppose this Resolution for the following reasons:

Existing traffic on Barton Drive between Pontiac Trail and the M-14 interchange is very congested, with traffic backing up for ½ mile or more at least twice per day on weekdays, and on special event weekends. Existing conditions for people who choose to ride their bikes on Barton Drive between Pontiac Trail and the M-14 interchange are very dangerous. Adding bike lanes to a segment of road that cannot be widened to accommodate the bike lanes will

1. intensify the bottleneck of vehicular traffic,
2. further imperil bicyclists who do choose to ride on Barton Drive, and
3. increase risk of severe injury or even fatality for bicyclists and others who use this route. This violates the intent of the City's Vision Zero-focused Transportation Plan.

While Barton Drive may be an important VEHICULAR corridor connecting the City's north side to other parts of the City, it is NOT an important bicycle corridor. There are Safer, Nearby Alternative Routes in this northside area of the city that most bicyclists use. Encouraging bicyclists to use dangerous corridors when there are Safer, Nearby Alternative Routes violates the intent of the City's Vision Zero-focused Transportation Plan.

Installing bike lanes between Long Shore Drive and Pontiac Trail will increase the risk of severe injury or even fatality for bicyclists who use those lanes. This violates the intent of the City's Vision Zero-focused transportation plan.

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November 16, 2019

Dear Members of the Ann Arbor City Council,

I have lived at 697 Barton Drive since 1970 and my home is located across the street from the Chandler-Barton intersection.

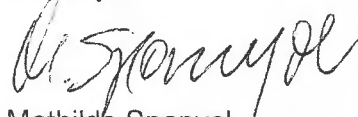
I can see the street traffic from my front window, and every day I see vehicles driving in unsafe manners. The traffic is very busy and it backs up every day for long periods of time. The amount of traffic on Barton Drive in front of my house is greater than it has ever been in all the years I have lived here. Trucks frequently cross over the yellow line onto oncoming traffic and many times cars use my personal driveway to make U-turns when the back-up is completely stopped.

There are children in my neighborhood who ride their bikes and walk in front of my house when they are going to and from school or visiting friends. I worry about their safety with the extreme traffic congestion. It will be very good to have crosswalks here.

It makes no sense to me how adding bike lanes between Long Shore Drive and Pontiac Trail will make conditions safer for bicyclists. I would never encourage anyone to ride their bike on this street, and adding bike lanes to this narrow street with all of its traffic as it is right now will only make things worse. If the city creates bike lanes on this street, this will cause confusion with the children who are told that bike lanes are safer places for them to ride, but, in fact, adding bike lanes on this street is like encouraging them to do something dangerous.

Please do not pass this Resolution to Prohibit Parking on Barton Drive for the purpose of adding bike lanes to this street. If the Resolution does pass and if any of the children are hurt while riding in the bike lanes, the City should take full responsibility.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Spanyol". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mathilde Spanyol  
697 Barton Drive