

To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission
From: Paul Schultz
Subject: Packard between State and Hill
Thursday, September 16, 2021

Dear Transportation Commission,

I drive Packard Road from Stone School to Division at least three times a week during the morning rush. I drive it on some additional occasions on the weekend as well.

I appreciate the recent repaving and reordering of Packard between State and Hill. I imagine the bicyclists appreciate it a bit too.

At the same time, I think the new traffic pattern is more dangerous to drivers and bikers than the previous pattern, insofar as the lines on the pavement emphasize the rights of bicyclists over the rights of vehicles trying to get around left-turning-stopped-vehicles *but these rights are likely to be ignored by vehicles in edge cases*, resulting in worse results to bicyclists than if the pavement had not suggested exclusive rights.

I believe that the best next iterative solution is to entirely take away the Left Turn option for motor vehicles from Packard (N) and Packard (S) onto Hill (W) and Hill (E). I recommend that this traffic pattern be experimented with.

Drivers on northbound Packard who want to end up on westbound Hill should transit via Mary --> Benjamin --> Division, which several of them should be able to do, while Packard traffic waits at a red light. (or, via a right turn onto State followed by a left turn onto Hill)

Drivers on southbound Packard who want to end up on eastbound Hill should transit via 5th Avenue, possibly with a stoplight added at 5th and Hill. (or, via some kind of left turn onto State or Arbor Street.)

thanks,
~Paul