

From: Lisa Matlen

To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission

Subject: Main Street Changes

Date: Tuesday, August 31

Dear Mr. Hess and/or transportation commission representative(s),

My name is Lisa Matlen, and I am a longtime resident of Ann Arbor, residing in the south side of the city (Ward 4). I understand the traffic re-configuration on Main St. is no longer in the hands of city council and that you may be the best person/people to contact about my concerns. I hate to write in negative tones, but feeling strongly about this, I am writing to add a voice to what I expect will be many complaints regarding the new lane structure on Main Street by Stadium (which recently converted 2 lanes per side to 1 lane). As you must be aware, this is a very busy street. I live close and need to use this street to get to work either on the hospital campus or to my Brighton location site (M14 access) every day. There are not time-effective alternatives. I have already spent many extra minutes in traffic after the closures were instituted. I say this also as a bike rider. Like many in Ann Arbor, I favor a bike-friendly town, but not on roads like this which are heavily trafficked, and I would instead advocate (and continue to use) other routes for bike riding. Perhaps expanding the sidewalk (including on the side of the road by the golf course south of Stadium where there is none) or converting that into part bike lane would be a reasonable alternative if desiring to make this specific section more bike-friendly. The MLive article (<https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2021/08/main-street-lane-reconfiguration-part-of-ann-arbor-healthy-streets-program.html>) states this will be temporary, but I fear it will come back next year, too, and has already caused too many problems. Please consider removing this location from any future Healthy Streets participation.

Thank you for considering.

Sincerely, Lisa Matlen

To: Lisa Matlen

From: Raymond Hess

Subject: Main Street Changes

Date: Friday, September 3, 2021

Lisa Matlen,

Thank you for sharing your observations and providing feedback on changes to South Main Street, a part of the City's [Healthy Streets program](#). It is my understanding there were several issues including construction closures on nearby streets as well as streets closed due to a water main break impacting traffic in, and around, the area last week. This in addition to the UM student move in that always results in many new drivers along our City streets created a lot of new traffic challenges recently.

Hopefully, the situation has begun to improve as move-in is over and traffic starts to normalize and adjust to these conditions. The safety, effectiveness, and usage of the City's Healthy Streets program will be monitored throughout the fall period. Staff will adjust the program as needed based on data and observation. The S. Main changes as well as all neighborhood Healthy Streets will be removed no later than November 29, in advance of anticipated snow removal operations.

As to adjustments, City staff have been observing traffic, to ascertain if any improvements, or adjustments, are needed to address emerging traffic or safety issues. We are in the process of observing traffic patterns combined with traffic signal timing and continuing to consider additional measures to assist traffic flow. Please be patient as adjustments are made to the Healthy Streets deployment. We anticipate traffic will improve once further adjustments are implemented.

Please contact Eli Cooper at ecooper@a2gov.org, if you have any further questions or concerns.

Cheers,

Raymond