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Subject: FW: bike lane closing on packard

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Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:19 AM
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Subject: RE: bike lane closing on packard

Sandra ,

Thank you for contacting the City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission. Your comment concerning bike lane closures and winter maintenance will be provided as a communication item on the March 16 Transportation Commission Agenda.

Transportation staff are also copied here so that they are also aware of your comment.

Respectfully,

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Thank you.*

From: Sandra Miselem <XXXXXXXXXX>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:18 PM
To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission <TransportationCommission@a2gov.org>
Subject: re: bike lane closing on packard

Hi,

My name is Sandra and I live in Ann Arbor. I have biked to work and have often biked from the Packard/Platt area down to Kerrytown. I heard in the last meeting that CM Briggs is looking for things to bring to council. Here is my wish list:

1. Please notify us when bike lanes are going to be closed, and give us a temporary lane to use.

Last year, shortly after the bike lane on Packard was opened, my husband and I biked into town. On the way back, we decided to take the new bike lanes. What we found instead nearly got us killed. The bike lane was completely closed off due to maintenance. No efforts had been made to make a temporary bike lane, we didn't even have a space set aside by safety cones. We were forced to take the road, uphill, which people normally drive up to 50mph on.

Of course, drivers are not very patient when a bike is suddenly in their lane. People passed us tremendously closely, nearly clipping us several times. People swerved into the turning lane to avoid us, which could have put them in danger as well. It was a disaster and it was honestly one of the most terrifying moments of my life, comparable only to the time a tornado skipped right over my head.

I have an e-bike. I turned the motor up to max and pedaled as hard as I could to keep up, but obviously it wasn't enough to keep me safe.

All I'm asking is that you post notifications when the bike lanes will be closed, and also please, PLEASE, set up a temporary lane so we aren't squashed if we miss the notification. We don't need much space. A couple feet is all I ask.

2. I'd bike more in winter if the bike lanes were cleared

I've avoided biking anywhere since the ice and snow began because the bike lanes are full of gigantic ice patches. It's incredibly dangerous. I'd love to bike down to the Meijer that is a mile from my house, but I can't because the bike lanes are so dangerous this time of year. Please set up a plan to clean them up a little more.

I mainly bike to get my errands done because it lets me combine exercise into my daily routine. It would be lovely to be able to do this safely all year, and not just for about 7-8 months.

Thank you!