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High council members and commissioners,

I wanted to send a quick note to thank you for your support in making the Miller bikeway a reality. Every single time I've ridden on this new infrastructure, I've seen families with young kids biking up and down the hill, on their own and in cargo bikes (I'm not being hyperbolic here - it's been every one of a dozen rides). Drivers are moving smoothly at much slower speeds. Parents have told me they love the bikeway and that they feel more comfortable letting their kids bike ahead or behind them. Those kids are building self confidence in their community and are practicing using the most efficient means of transportation.

Some might complain that the bikeway didn't adequately account for trash can placement on the street, but *I don't care*. I'm so glad that the transportation planning team figured out a way to install the bikeway without needing to solve every potential problem (trash cans) and without needing to move the curbs. This project is the definition of "don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good," and it is good! Here's a photo of me and my big-kid friends enjoying the bikeway this weekend on a scavenger hunt.



When I went to pull this photo from Google Photos, I was reminded of this speech from 2021 by my dear friend Suzette on who pays the costs for road spending: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/okUM3VDveg8v21PX8>. Suzette highlighted that even locally, we continue to spend far more on car infrastructure than on non-motorized infrastructure, and our

neighbors have paid for that choice with their lives. On May 20th, we'll be honoring cyclists killed or injured while riding on public roadways by participating in the international Ride of Silence. If you'd like to join us, you can meet at 7pm at the Farmers Market and learn more [here](#).

Thank you,
Mark Scerbo