

To: City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission
From: Christopher Becker
Subject: Bike Lanes
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I want to express my sincere thanks for changing how I get around the city. I am a driver, cyclist, and a walker, and commute to my job at various places all over town. With so many bike lanes, I finally feel safe on a bicycle from my front door to wherever I am headed and now ride every day to work. I don't feel so alone on the road anymore, either. I see other people riding their bikes every day, even on busy streets. I just returned from seeing friends on South Platt and rode in the all-new bike lanes on Packard between Eisenhower and Platt. I can't tell you what a difference the new bike lane makes on that stretch of road! I can only imagine what it is like having people tell you what a waste of money bike lanes are, how they inconvenience people, result in more idling and pollution, etc. But I want you to know that I am grateful for the bike lanes every single day.

Thank you for fighting for better transportation options and moving the city forward.
Christopher Becker