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To: Ann Arbor City Council and Transportation Commission

Subject: Appreciation for Downtown Street Changes

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Hi Council & Transportation Commission,

I am just writing in as someone who regularly walks, bikes and drives to and through downtown and adjacent neighborhoods to appreciate all the recent street changes. The 2-way restorations on First & Ashley have made it so much less stressful to cross those streets as a pedestrian and less confusing and stressful to drive through. Our bikes have been in the shop, so we've driven through this part of downtown frequently in the mornings recently, and traffic volumes are low and car traffic is slow and steady. We've also been making regular trips on the connected, protected bike lanes and it has made getting across downtown on bikes much nicer, as well.

The S Main road diet has also been a delight. We're finally seeing bicyclists and scooter riders off the sidewalks and in the bike lanes because it is finally a comfortable place for them to be. I've seen some gripes about backups, but in reality, while the queues of cars are longer there doesn't seem to be a major impact on trip times, just cars have to go single file and these queues are limited to the heaviest traffic periods.

Now that we're past student move-in and construction are winding down, I'm looking forward to people settling into new patterns. I am confident these overall changes will prove popular and durable. It makes being and getting through downtown so much more pleasant in every mode.

Thanks,

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