

To: Ann Arbor City Council and Transportation Commission

From: Brandon Dimcheff

Subject: Thank You for Healthy Streets

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Greetings Council and TC,

I just wanted to thank you for implementing healthy streets, particularly the S. Main reconfiguration. I've lived in town for nearly 38 years and I rode my bike down that section of Main for the first time in my life this past Saturday. I also frankly much prefer to drive on configurations like this vs. 4 lanes without a turn lane, since it reduces the chaos of lane changes and sudden stops due to other people turning.

I looked this morning during rush hour to see if there were traffic backups reported, and google had nothing of note, which was confirmed by a friend who lives on Main. I suspect the traffic issues last week were due to student move-in and people getting used to the new configuration, and I'm confident that this was a good choice. I hope this configuration becomes permanent, at least until we find a way to install a protected cycle track.

FWIW, I used to be suspicious of these kinds of reconfigurations, as recently as the Jackson diet. After driving, biking, and walking along them, I am sold. It's absolutely better, even in a car, and I hope to see more of these in the future.

Thanks again,  
Brandon