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Subject: FW: EMCD Bridge Project

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Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 1:31 PM

To: 'Seth Peterson' <XXXXXXXXXXXX>

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Subject: RE: EMCD Bridge Project

Seth,

Thank you for contacting the City of Ann Arbor Transportation Commission. Your comment concerning the East Medical Center Bridge will be provided as a communication item on the January 19 Transportation Commission Agenda. Please be aware you can also share your comments with the Commission at their [meeting 7 PM tonight](#) via Zoom as part of the public comment period.

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

Respectfully, (And wishing you the best for the holiday season)

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Thank you.

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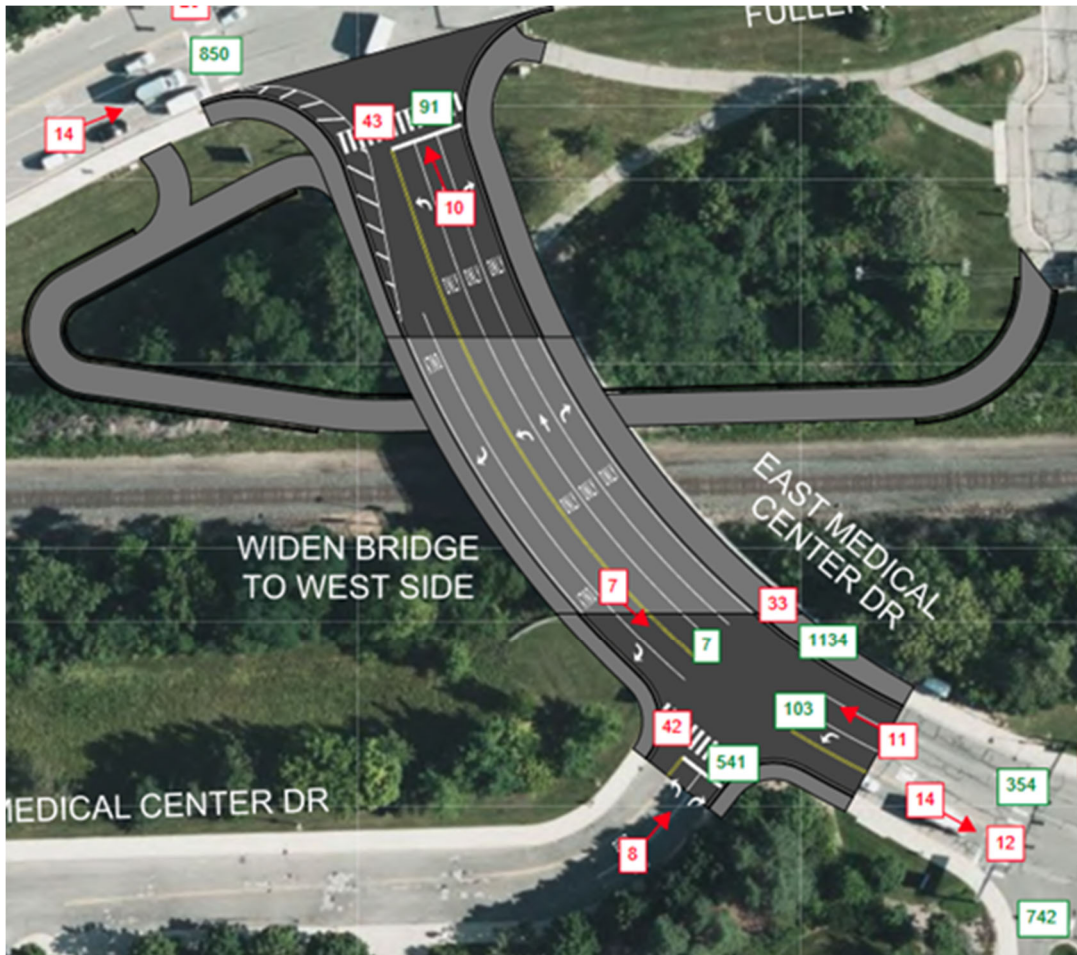
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Hello Transportation Commissioners:

I'd like to share my perspective on the recent images shared for tonight's meeting:



I'm very glad to see a path shown that connects to the underpass. My primary concern is that this path doesn't continue over the bridge. There is still a narrow sidewalk shown on the west side of the bridge. While a wider sidewalk on the east side would be great and I fully support it, very few people on bikes would cross 4 lanes of traffic from West Medical Center Drive to use it--especially since there is no curb ramp once they get across the street. They will continue to use the sidewalk on the west side *even if it remains narrow*. The "sidewalk" bicycle counts reflect that there is actually a little more bicycle traffic on the west side. I would hope that if the University isn't willing to fund a complete street, then the city can make up the difference--especially since, as has been discussed, it isn't widenable after it's built.

I fail to understand how we can add 11 feet of width for a motor vehicle lane, but 5 more feet for people on foot or wheels (of which there are literally hundreds) is a bridge too far (so to speak). Our transportation network, especially where there is a heavy mix of road users, should defer to the vulnerable road users and accommodate motor vehicles rather than the other way around. I appreciate your time.

Thank you,
 Seth Peterson
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