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**Subject:** RE: Concern with Healthy Streets deployment on Packard (State to Hill)

Adam,

Thank you for your email on the Packard Healthy Streets segment between State and Hill. You note raises the issue of the width of the bike lane adjacent to on-street parking heading westerly from S State Street along Packard. Please note, for this Healthy Streets project we were evaluating new bike lane accommodations between Hill and State along Packard, not adjusting the “existing” lane on the northwest side of the intersection.

Your note seeks a review the conditions present. We agree that that review is necessary. Staff will evaluate whether any modifications are necessary and can be accomplished as part of the Healthy Streets implementation process.

Please note, although the bike lane does provide an exclusive area for cyclists to ride in, if you are bicycling through this area you have the right to ride as far to the left as you need within the bike lane to avoid car doors. You may also legally safely cross over the lane line into the general-purpose traffic lane to provide a safe distance from possible door hazards, if necessary. Of course, it is the cyclist’s responsibility to not impede traffic or suddenly exit the bike lane and cross over into the general-purpose lane.

I will follow-up after we complete a detailed review of the conditions present and the opportunities that may exist to address your concern in this upcoming project. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Respectfully,

**Eli Cooper, A.I.C.P.**

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*Thank you.*

**From:** Adam Goodman

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**Subject:** Concern with Healthy Streets deployment on Packard (State to Hill)

Good evening.

I'm writing to express a small concern regarding the planned Healthy Streets reconfiguration on Packard between State St. and Hill St. Broadly speaking, I'm extremely supportive of this project and wish it had been done years ago. This short block is one of the most frustrating gaps in Ann Arbor's bike network, and it will be wonderful to see improvements made.

However, it occurred to me to wonder *exactly* what the plan is here, and I was able to find the draft engineering specifications here:

[https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/transportation/Documents/Healthy%20Streets\\_Draft%20Plan%20Set%20and%20Engineering%20Estimate.pdf](https://www.a2gov.org/departments/engineering/transportation/Documents/Healthy%20Streets_Draft%20Plan%20Set%20and%20Engineering%20Estimate.pdf) (page 11). The plans call for adding a buffered bike lane heading southeast (away from downtown), where the existing bike lane currently disappears. This is great.

However, my personal experience over years of riding through this area is, heading in the northwest direction (toward downtown) is actually a much worse experience, even though a bike lane technically exists. That bike lane is extremely narrow and fully within the "door zone" of adjacent parked cars. The engineering plan does not seem to specify any significant changes to that bike lane. At a minimum, it should be significantly widened, even if that comes at the cost of the buffer on the other side.

Thank you for your attention to this issue, and for all the good work you do.

- Adam