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Subject: Cleveland Avenue Bike Lanes

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

I would like to express my dismay that the City Council votes this evening, Wednesday March 16, on the proposed revision of Cleveland Avenue to include bike lanes. Wednesday evenings have typically been reserved as "church night" with many schools and organizations NOT scheduling activities so that families have a fuller opportunity to participate in church and faith activities. An additional irritation is that this evening's meeting is scheduled during Lent when churches and religiously-affiliated groups are engaging in additional and focused activities.

The voting meeting is to be held at City Council Chambers which are downtown and not particularly accessible on a Wednesday evening due to other events, activities and limited available and affordable parking.

When parking along Cleveland Avenue is restricted further to accommodate the bike lanes, where are residents, families, restaurant-goers, patrons at businesses and clinics as well as the St. Thomas University students to park?

As a frequent pedestrian and driver along Cleveland Avenue, the addition of bike lanes, which necessitates the limiting of traffic along an already very busy street, is dangerous for all - pedestrians, bike riders and traffic of all sorts - auto, truck, commercial, and emergency vehicles!

When Cleveland Avenue was resurfaced recently, it was obvious that bike lanes were imminent and a forgone deal since the streets were striped and marked for these lanes. It seems disingenuous to have engaged the citizens in further discourse when the outcome was already decided and striped.

Please, please consider the safety of everyone who uses and depends on Cleveland Avenue and vote "NO" to the already-striped bike lanes.

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