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**Subject:** Lexington Pky Bike Lanes

Chris,

I have lived on Lexington Pky for 28 years. There is no need to put in a dedicated bike lane. All this would do is remove valuable parking to the residence and Park goers. The lanes are already wide enough to accommodate bicycle traffic. I am an avid bicycle rider. The street is just fine for bicycle traffic as it is. All you are going to do is give people a false sense of security that they are safe because they are in a bike lane. That is not true. Drive down Fairview sometime and see how close the bicycles are to the cars going down the road. The cyclist are only as safe as the vehicle operators driving their vehicles. There is hardly more than a couple of feet between the vehicles and the bicycles.

Eliminating parking down by Riverside Park would be a big mistake. When there are events there the parking lot is full and cars are parked on both sides of Lexington. Where would these cars park if one side of the street was no parking. They would have to start parking in the neighborhood causing more problems.

Please do not approve the bicycle lanes on Lexington Pky.

Thank You

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