

**Lopez, Donna**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 06, 2012 12:29 AM  
**To:** Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** Bike Regulations

Dear Ms Lopez, City Clerk,

After my testimony at tonight's council meeting, Mayor Davis asked me to send you this email relative to my testimony, as it related to bike riding by elderly residents. She wanted my recommendations to be documented by you for the City Council. My recommendations related to helping the growing population of elderly bikers in Cambridge to bike safely.

1 Urge the Police to treat elderly bikers with special consideration because their balance and control of their bikes is less sure than younger people. As I testified, Cambridge police generally act in this manner already.

2 Consider a modification of the rules governing the pedestrian traffic lights. This modification would allow bikers to cross intersections in their bike lanes during the pedestrian signal. It is frequently the only safe way for a biker to make a left turn. In addition, elderly people, and women in particular, have great difficulty stopping and then restarting at traffic lights. So allowing them to proceed without stopping when the pedestrian light is on would be a big help to us elderly bikers.

Sincerely,

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