

Pearl Street

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City Clerk Agenda

To: Benzan, Dennis <dbenzan@cambridgema.gov>;

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Dear Councillor Benzan,

I've hear that Pearl Street will be reconsidered at tonight's City Council meeting. I ride my bike on Pearl St every day and have done so for almost three years (I lived in Cambridgeport for 9 years). Pearl St is unpleasant to ride on and from my experience cars behave very aggressively towards cyclists - more so than other busier streets nearby.

I'm writing to thank you for your most recent vote for sending Pearl Street to be studied by committee. I'm also writing to encourage you to continue to support some form of a 'Complete Street' approach to Pearl Street. Yes, the current plan is not ideal, but voting to take this plan out of committee is a vote against improvement and a vote for the status quo.

If you vote with Councillor Toomey to abandon the 'Complete Street' approach, you'll be voting against improved public transit and a built-out bike network. You'll be voting against Boston's newly-announced Complete Street on Comm. Ave. (one of the most ambitious and lauded in the nation) and you'll be voting against future plans to reduce pollution and improve the MBTA.

I hope you keep smart transportation plans for Pearl Street alive.

Sincerely,
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