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**To:** [Ochowicz, William](#); [Ann Kovich](#); [Verveer, Michael](#); [Haas, Michael R](#); [Spieler, Christof T](#); [Tao, Yang](#); [Cox, Stefanie L](#); [Mohr, Thomas](#); [Finch, Eric A](#); [Larson, Aidan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Bike Lane Parking and Other Concerns  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 26, 2025 7:58:23 AM

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Thank you all. I believe that installation of the flex posts was completed yesterday afternoon, so parking in the bike lane should not continue to be an issue here. I will let Traffic Enforcement know to keep an eye on this area.

Also, I visited the site yesterday before installation was complete, and while there were two cars parked in the bike lane, that left the full parking lane open, so bikes had plenty of space without entering the traffic lane. If this were a situation where there is just a bike lane and no parking lane I would be more concerned as bikers would be forced into the travel lane, but that is not the case in this location.

Have a good Thanksgiving.

Thank you,  
Kevin

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Hi Ann,

After reading Kevin's response, I think that makes sense. It sounds like the real issue is that the signs aren't ready yet. If people continue parking in bike lanes after the signs are up then I will bring this back up; but discussing this issue during complete green streets and curb demand management makes sense

Thanks Ann.

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**Subject:** Re: Bike Lane Parking and Other Concerns

Hi, Alder Ochowicz. We had a conversation at the TC agenda meeting this afternoon about the items related to safety in bike lanes and parking enforcement in bike lanes.

Staff feels that any safety issues with implementing the protected bike lane on S. Broom St. should be addressed when the project is completed, and I agree. Also, I know that the Traffic Engineering Division and the Parking Division do have excellent communication; and they will continue to connect as the project moves through to completion. Staff continues to also communicate with Austin Griesbach as well.

After the discussion this afternoon, it seems it would be most productive to address safety in bike lanes when TC reviews updates to Complete Green Streets and Curb Management. Updates to the Complete Green Streets Guide should be coming to TC soon. As we heard recently, Curb Management will be coming to TC for updates often. Although staff did not convey any concerns with regard to parking enforcement in bike lanes, this could be brought up as TC reviews the development of the Curb Management Action Plan. So, I believe we will have agenda items that will offer good opportunity to discuss these issues coming to TC soon.

Thanks,  
Ann

On Sun, Nov 23, 2025 at 11:07 PM Ann Kovich <[annelizabethkovich@gmail.com](mailto:annelizabethkovich@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hi, Alder Ochowicz. I am forwarding the email I received from Austin Griesbach, which you referenced in your earlier emails. This email was

also sent to the TC email address, so we will share it with all TC members.

I will bring up these topics at the TC agenda meeting tomorrow. We will discuss how we may best address these issues at a future TC meeting after review with staff. These are just draft titles which can be adjusted/modified as needed. Please let me know thoughts as to whether these titles fairly reflect the issues raised in the various emails.

- Safety issues with implementing the protected bike lane on S. Broom St. (between W. Main St. and W. Washington Ave.)
- Improving safety in bike lanes, including addressing vehicles and parking in bike lanes
- Parking enforcement in bike lanes

Aidan - Please save Austin's email under item #1 on the 12/3 TC agenda, so it can be shared with everyone.

Thanks,  
Ann

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From: **Austin Griesbach** <[austin.griesbach@icloud.com](mailto:austin.griesbach@icloud.com)>

Date: Sun, Nov 23, 2025 at 12:15 PM

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Hello,

There have been severe issues with implementation of the protected bike lane on the 10 block of South Broom Street, between West Main Street and West Washington Avenue. For well over a week since initial bike lane markings have gone in, drivers have been utterly non-compliant with the new traffic pattern, and continue to park in the area that for has been clearly marked as a bike lane. I have been consistently reaching out to various arms of the City government and received a small smattering of justifications, some corroborating and some conflicting, and I believe it reveals some major issues that the Transportation Commission would be able to help solve.

When contacting Traffic Engineering and the Ped-Bike Administrator, I have primarily been told that the area is in transition, and that once the project is complete, enforcement will be able to begin. In conflict with this, I have been told by Parking Enforcement that the extremely similar Bassett Street bike lane remains unenforceable to this day, despite being

completed long ago. In another case, I was told that in general Parking Enforcement has no means of action against parking in a bike lane anywhere in the City, and can only act if there are explicit "No Parking" signs prohibiting it. Given the proportion of bike lanes present in the City that run immediately adjacent to parking areas, this results in a massive ongoing blind spot in the City's safety and right-of-way preservation capabilities, with the resulting burden placed solely on bicyclists.

Primarily, I would be interested in Traffic Enforcement introducing or supporting some means (perhaps ordinance) by which Parking Enforcement is granted the ability to see their duty through to completion, in general for any bike lane in the City, and prevent drivers from stopping or parking on bike lanes. I understand there's a curb management framework in progress, but this strikes me as a much more urgent, narrowly focused, and easily addressable matter. My interest is not punitive - I'm more than happy to have Parking Enforcement thoroughly distribute warnings for this particular Broom Street site before they begin to issue citations. I just want the right-of-way clear.

Secondly, I believe the case has also revealed a massive communication and implementation issue within the City. On the one hand, I was told by the Parking Division that they had received no notice that the parking pattern would be changing. On the other hand, Traffic Engineering seems to have not been made aware that the signage and/or design of the Bassett Street bike lane was insufficient, resulting in its nonproductive replication elsewhere. I hope that Transportation Commission can aid in fostering communication within the City, at least on such matters as relate to transportation and safety, and help make sure all due diligence is completed on future projects.

Thank you,  
Austin Griesbach

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