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Dear Transportation commission,

As a frequent user of East Mifflin at Paterson (both bicycling and walking) I've been following the diverter study excitedly. I was heartened to see high levels of support for the diverter in the public survey.

I'm also very excited at the results of the traffic study, which seem to put to rest many of the concerns that some neighbors had about the project. First off, while there is some increase in traffic on Dayton, there is still a huge decrease in vehicles taking either of the two streets (by 470 cars a day!) That means that **this diverter gets cars off neighborhood streets** and onto the main roads that are actually designed to handle through traffic. Additionally, based on the speed data, drivers don't appear to be driving more recklessly.

I think there were many positive suggestions about how to implement the diverter even more successfully, and I hope traffic engineering takes those ideas into account when the project moves towards permanent implementation. I would love to see the suggested bumpouts and midblock crossing near Ingersoll and Mifflin. I'd also like to see a bumpout at the midblock crossing on the 800 block, since visibility is quite poor there due to parked cars.

The Mifflin bike boulevard is a really key connector for every cyclist on the north side of the isthmus, and improvements to this corridor are valuable and necessary. I know that just on the blocks being studied, I've been told to "Get off the f*ing road" and almost hit by someone hauling a pontoon boat when they passed too close. I love this bicycle boulevard, but I implore the city to actually install things like this diverter to make it truly welcoming, not just an exercise in fancy signage and an excuse to avoid putting safe routes on E. Washington or Johnson/Gorham.

Sincerely,
Andrew Lail