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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 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,
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