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From: Dryer, David
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 9:59 AM
To: 'john olson'
Cc: Mohr, Thomas; Langer, Scott
Subject: RE: Proposal - Bike Lane on S. Segoe Road

Mr. Olson thanks for the comments. I will let the Alder know your concerns.

Regards
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From: john olson [mailto:dadyo961@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 3:48 PM
To: Dryer, David
Subject: Proposal - Bike Lane on S. Segoe Road

Mr Dryer, I'm writing concerning the city's proposal to construct more bike lanes on Segoe. I don't know much of the details but am assuming the proposal will be similar to the North end of Segoe where one of the two car lanes is removed in each direction and traffic is now confined to only ONE lane.

If this is the case, as a resident of the neighborhood I am NOT in support of this proposal and ask the city to reconsider its plans by maintaining (2) lanes of car travel in each direction.

I consider myself a serious biker. I bike to work over 200 miles per week on many city streets and bike on Segoe a lot. I do not believe there is as much of a safety problem for bikes on this street as the city makes it sound. There is currently ample room for both (2) lanes of car traffic and bike traffic without the need to remove a car lane in each direction. Removing car lanes makes it more difficult for car traffic. It also encourages drivers to pass slow moving vehicles on the right exposing bikers to greater dangers.

I also dont feel this proposal 'would be cost beneficial. The city will still have to maintain a wide road yet only have effectively on lane of vehicle traffic.

Simply stated, I do not feel the removal of additional motor vehicle lanes is warranted on this section of street. I've never had a problem nor felt unsafe biking on this street in the past.

Please take my comments into consideration as I will be unable to attend the community meeting to discuss this issue on 7/13.

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