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Hello,

I am writing in regards to item 9 on the agenda for tonight's Transportation Commission meeting, the reconstruction of University Avenue. I did not attend the previous public meetings on this topic because I lived on the east side then, but I have recently moved to Hill Farms and I will be commuting along this corridor once I am no longer working from home because of the pandemic.

I would strongly support the inclusion of dedicated lanes for the BRT line in the reconstruction, reducing the street to 2 auto lanes in either direction. The whole point of the BRT should be that it is not supposed to get stuck in traffic like a regular bus line. It should be a goal of the project that the BRT is faster than private cars during peak hours. We need to be reducing carbon emissions significantly, and part of this effort should involve redesigning our streets to induce major reductions in travel by car. Additionally, having fewer and slower cars along University would make for a more pleasant pedestrian environment which could lead to more demand for positive infill redevelopment along the avenue.

Sincerely,  
John Mackay