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To: Council President Nick Mosby
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Subject: 24-0209R - I support bike infrastructure

Dear Council President Nick J. Mosby,

I am writing in reference to the introduction of 24-0209R - Informational Hearing - Examining Baltimore's Bike Infrastructure.

I strongly support Baltimore's Complete Streets Ordinance and Manual, the modal hierarchy that places people walking, biking, and taking public transportation first, and investments in creating an all-ages and abilities bike network across the city.

I moved here 2010 from Austin, tx. I was disappointed with not only the lack of public transportation but also the lack of bike lanes.

I support the changes safe & complete streets has made over the years. Not only does it make my commute doable by bike, decreasing the amount of cars & traffic but hopefully it can limit the number of friends who've been killed by careless drivers (the count is 3 so far).

The city has been nationally recognized for its policies and practices leading to these successes, and has recently won tens of millions of dollars in federal funding to further improve access and safety.

Despite broad recognition of Baltimore's successes with Complete Streets and bike infrastructure, the leadership of Baltimore City Council and some councilmembers continue to waste taxpayers' time and money taking dozens of meetings with a small, vocal contingent of opposition. They are potentially jeopardizing the city's access to hundreds of millions of federal dollars for lifesaving complete streets treatments and public transit construction by holding these hearings that end up being nothing more than public displays of opposition to global best practices, embarrassing our elected officials on the national stage.

I urge Baltimore City Council to stop empowering this nonsense and instead focus on empowering our agencies to implement road designs following the city's Complete Streets Ordinance and Separated Lane Network Plan.

Sincerely,
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