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To: Council President Nick Mosby
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Subject: 24-0209R - We need more bike infrastructure

Dear Council President Nick J. Mosby,

I am writing to provide written testimony for the March 7th 24-0209R - Informational Hearing - Examining Baltimore's Bike Infrastructure.

I strongly support Baltimore's efforts to expand access to opportunity through investments in a citywide all-ages and abilities bicycle network.

Please do not discount the importance of bike infrastructure in Baltimore! I bike year round as well as many of my friends and coworkers. Bike infrastructure is a VITAL part of promoting green travel, minimizing carbon footprint, and improving mobility.

I am able to do most of my travel in Baltimore without a car. I was even able to sell my car in 2023, and use ZipCar and Turo to supplement my travel whe a car is a must.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE continue to make Baltimore a bike-friendly city.

-Joseph E Warner

Unfortunately, few miles of bike infrastructure have been built in Baltimore City since the adoption of the Baltimore Complete Streets ordinance. The projects that have been built have been done so with significant public input and significant public support within the communities in which they were built.

Despite these facts, hearings like this one and dozens of meetings with a small, vocal contingent of opposition continue to be held at taxpayers' expense, platforming false information and toxic rhetoric.

I urge Baltimore City Council to focus on empowering our agencies to implement road designs following the city's Complete Streets Ordinance and Separated Lane Network Plan instead of wasting my time with more hearings and emails. We deserve safer, more accessible streets in Baltimore City.

Sincerely,
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