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Hello Clerks, please add my letter to the public agenda, thank you.

In support of Bike Lanes

Good afternoon committee members. I am in full support of the multi methods of transit that are being planned and implemented city-wide. They are both a safety booster and a valuable way to address climate change.

Bike lanes were recently added to Stonehenge Drive in Ancaster's Meadowlands and on my commute I already see more people cycling and using the new bikelane than prior to their installation, even as the colder weather arrives. This is a real win for the Meadowlands, a historically car dependent community full of families whose kids have reached their teens but have to rely on mom's taxi for their every move as there is no bus in the area. This bike lane will also provide the potential for kids to more safely reach the local schools. I am looking forward to the buildout of the network in Ancaster as a whole, and especially the Meadowlands.

As for bike lanes causing parking restrictions, cars should be stored in driveways, not on public roads whose purpose is to move people, by varying methods, from A to B.

Not everyone who doesn't drive views the HSR as their preferred means of getting around. A bike gets you where you want to go, on your own time schedule. With the E-bike pilot soon to start, dedicated bike lanes are exactly what we need to encourage more people out of cars and onto bikes, e-bikes, cargo bikes, scooters, and other modes of active transportation to help us reach our GHG emissions reduction goals.

Bike lanes and widened sidewalks keep people safe from traffic, encourage more active transportation and encourage more people to choose climate resilient transport options beside the car or even the bus.

Thank you for moving this city forward. We can be a world class leader in sustainable transit so let's get rolling.

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