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Councillors and Madam Mayor,

I encountered this young man at a bus stop on the Mountain, waiting in -11C with his bike to get downtown and then ride to work on the haphazard downtown bike lane system. I told him Councillors are talking about slowing down bike lane installation downtown and that Councillor Pauls thinks he should 'just walk' to work. His reply: He won't finish work until after the buses stop that night and will need to ride his bike 3km to a friend's place to sleep.

By bike: 12minutes

Walking: 42 minutes

He is also a taxpayer and he deserves a safe way to get around. Installing bike lanes is the cheapest way to create a safe alternative. Notice the white car in this image is DRIVING IN the useless painted bike lane. Case in point for accelerating the installation of SAFE cycling infrastructure.

Councillor Pauls, please have a heart. Councillor Cooper, you talked about slowing down bike lane installation but that's easy to say when you're driving in your warm car, possibly inside a painted bike lane.

Thank you for thinking of others and how we all need to get around.

Regards

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