

Jim Wilson

Thank you for listening to my comments regarding the Charter Review proposal last night. In attending the meeting, I became aware of particular aspects of the bike plan that cause me concerns. I fully support improving the ability of cyclists to ride on the streets of Bexley and the Alum Creek multi-use trail. However, I would amend the plan to insure pedestrians are not put at risk and to respect past assurances given to CSG in the final adopting of the plan. Specifically:

1. in the Section on page 2 and following headed "Create Four Bicycle Boulevard Routes" I would add language near the beginning stating: "Each bike route shall contain signage at each cross walk reminding cyclists that pedestrians have the right of way in the cross walk, and that cyclists must yield to pedestrians.

2. On page 4, under "Alum Creek Trail" I would add a sentence to indicate, if this segment of the trail is repaired that signage should be added reminding cyclists that the trail is a multi-purpose trail, and they must exercise caution in the presence of pedestrians. In other, better repaired sections of the trail, which I walk regularly, cyclists treat walkers as a nuisance. Since the Broad Street to Clifton is one the most walked section of the trail, such signage is important to protect pedestrians.

3. I would strike the whole section (4 paragraphs) on page 6 under Drexel Avenue. As someone present when CSG suggested building additional parking on campus, and had purchased adjacent lots to do so, I remember the city urging CSG that use of adjacent street parking was preferable to more campus parking. I think it silly and unwelcoming to suggest CSG students should walk up to a half mile to campus. CSG is a good neighbor and an important part of Bexley. The idea of eliminating adjacent street parking on Drexel should not be part of a plan that city employees are given wide discretion to implement.

You are welcome to contact me, but do not need to do so.