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S Drexel Improvement Project Feedback

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To: electedofficials@bexley.org

Dear Elected Officials,

We are writing to express concern regarding the South Drexel Improvement project. In workshop meeting took place on Wednesday 1/19/22 two concepts to improve South Drexel Avenue were presented:

Concept 1 - Island Boulevards

Concept 2 - Bike Lane w/ Reduced Street Parking

Concept 2, the Bike Lane concept, creates a bike lane on the east side of South Drexel Ave and forces all parking to the west side of South Drexel Ave. Implementing this concept would be disastrous for the following reasons:

- **Parking Issues** - South Drexel residents rely on street parking for themselves and/or guests of their homes. Furthermore, there are multiple residents on the east side of the street who do not have driveways. Lastly, businesses on Main Street and Columbus School for Girls heavily rely on street parking in front of resident's homes, which is already in short supply.
- **Decreased Safety** - Forcing parking to the west side of Drexel would generate a safety issue for pedestrian traffic visiting homes on the east side of the street, as foot traffic crossing Drexel Ave would increase significantly.
- **Lack of Effectiveness** - It is unclear that implementation of this concept would significantly slow traffic on South Drexel Ave.

Being bikers ourselves, we are in full support of a safe biking environment in Bexley. However, despite not being designated bike lanes, there are multiple other North/South options for cyclists traveling through Bexley. The disadvantages to the community do not justify Concept 2.

Concept 1, the Island Boulevard concept, would benefit the community and meet the goals of the improvement project, all without undue hardship to residents and businesses on the street. Based on the concept presented, there would be increased safety for pedestrians, vehicle speeds would be slowed, and the aesthetics of the street could be improved.

As such, we are in strong favor of Concept 1 - Island Boulevards and are strongly opposed to Concept 2 - Bike Lane concept.

Sincerely,

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